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OF THE
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1908-9.

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REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries, and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their Report for the year ended 31st October, 1909, being the sixty-first report since the inauguration of the Public Library and Museum at Peel Park in 1849.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

Many of the casts of Greek sculpture in Room A and in the entrance hall have had the old paint removed to the plaster, and have been re-coloured.

The casts of sculptures from the metopes of the Parthenon, placed on the walls of the main staircase, have been described by means of a series of printed descriptive labels reinforced by photographs.

Attention has been given to several of the pictures and their frames.

A new edition (8th) of the Catalogue of Sculptures and Paintings has been prepared and issued for sale at 1d. per copy, and over one thousand copies have already been sold to the public.

The Ethnographical collections have been overhauled in many sections, and several objects of interest have been placed for the first time upon exhibition. Until means are forthcoming to meet the cost of completing the supply of show-cases for this room the important work of the scientific arrangement of the specimens cannot be taken in hands, and the educational value of this collection must remain somewhat discounted.

The re-arrangement of the collection of Prehistoric Antiquities in their new case in Room C has been completed, and considerable work has been done in conferring upon the objects and groups their educational value by means of printed descriptive labels.

Several classes of scholars with their teachers from schools in the borough and elsewhere have visited the Museum and Art Galleries, the numbers being as follows : 17 schools, 374 scholars, an average of 22 in each class.

Your Committee are pleased to record the fact that several art students under tuition have made extensive use of the pictures for study and copying. The pottery and metalwork sections also have been utilised by teachers, students and designers, for the study of form and ornament.

During the year, the following oil paintings were lent from the Salford collection, namely, *The Burial of John Hampden*, by P. H. Calderon, R.A., to the Nottingham Corporation Art Galleries ; *W. Tatton Egerton, M.P.*, by J. Bostock, *The Hopeful Parting*, by J. V. Gibson, *William Bow*, by W. Keeling, *Thomas Wright*, by Charles Mercier, *Benjamin Long*, by Charles Mercier, *Scene Near Dolgelly*, by Charles Ward, *Wesleyan Conference*, by C. A. Du Val, and *An Old Watermill*, by W. Bright Morris, to the Manchester Corporation Art Gallery ; and *The Last Sleep of Argyll*, by E. M. Ward, R.A., to the Whitechapel Art Gallery, London.

Your Committee received on loan from the Trustees of the National Gallery of British Art, the oil painting, *Gleaners Returning*, by George Clausen, R.A.

The loan collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum has been changed, the new loan consisting of the following :—A case of English Silversmith's work ; a case of Ancient and Modern Glass, Venetian, Roman, Chinese, Spanish, Persian, Phœnician, German and English ; a case of Ancient Pottery, chiefly Cyprian, with some Greek and Etruscan ; and a case of Enamelled Pottery, Persian, Turkish and Chinese.

For many years the floors of the main entrance hall and the south hall have been in a bad condition. In the course of the past year the old tiles and flags have been removed and a new, solid floor of terrazzo has been substituted.

DONATIONS.

Beever, B.D., Esq.—

Eight quivers of poisoned arrows, fire-sticks and bow, Bushmen,
Ganzi and Kwebe Districts, W. Rhodesia.

Ives, Arthur, Esq.—

Some feathers for head ornaments, Brazil.

Morris, A., Esq.—

Two spears, Central Africa.

Mullen, Ben H., Esq., M.A.—

Sixty-five photo-process prints for ethnographical section.

Ridyard, Arnold, Esq.—

Three baskets, Bathurst. Fan, Abomema.

Roeder, Charles, Esq.—

Nine tobacco-pipes, 18th century, found on the site of Acresfield
Fair when digging the foundation for the Manchester Boer
War Memorial.

Cast of a spindle-whorl found on Kersal Moor.

PURCHASES.

Two boomerangs, Australia ; two slung-shot clubs, two stone-headed clubs, a tomahawk pipe, and a redstone pipe, North American Indian ; two stone-headed spears, North Australia ; two maize pestles, Fiji Islands ; iron slave-collar.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL PARK.

Steady advance has been maintained in the work of Mr. H. Brazenor, the taxidermist engaged upon the collections under the direction of the Curator. Among the most noticeable specimens mounted from the skin might be named the following :—Ocelot, Puma and Malay Sun Bear, added to the large group of carnivora ; a Tree Porcupine and a South African Fur Seal. Several groups of birds have been prepared and mounted, including the following, namely, Sea Eagle, Snowy Owl, Redshank, Cuckoo, Peewit, Yellow Wagtail, Swallow, Common Buzzard, Oyster-Catcher, Kestrel, Merlin, Hobby, Grey Kingfisher, &c.

A complete skeleton of Man (*Homo caucasicus*), has been articulated and prepared for exhibition.

Several specimens, including a large Orang, other species of quadrumana, and a group to show the seasonal changes of colour in northern British fauna, are in hands.

During the year, your Committee published a new, revised edition of the Handbook to the Mineralogical and Geological Collections, of which many copies have been sold.

Thirty-eight classes of scholars with their teachers have visited the Museum, the number of scholars being 2,116, averaging fifty-five in each party.

DONATIONS.

Barnes, R., Esq.—

Six sections of wood, Lime, Horse Chestnut, Laburnum.

Brazenor, H., Esq.—

Since the work of taxidermy was taken in hands at the Museum :—

Bimana. Disarticulated skeleton of Man.

Quadrumana. Unmounted skin of Orang, Colobus Monkey, Green Monkey (2), Diana Monkey (2), Campbell's Monkey, Monæ Monkey, White-nosed Monkey, Spider-Monkey, Anubis Baboon, *Macacus silenus*, *Macacus cynomolgus*, Ruffled Lemur, Ring-tailed Lemur and Young.

Carnivora. Unmounted skins of Hymalayan Black Bear, Malay Sun Bear, Indian Leopard, Striped Hyæna, Ocelot, English Badger, Stoat.

Marine Carnivora. Unmounted skins of Californian Sea Lion, South African Fur Seal.

Ungulata. Unmounted skin and skull of Elephant.

Coney (*Hyrax*).

Rodentia. Unmounted skins of Tree Porcupine and Mountain Hare.

Marsupialia. Unmounted skins (3) of Kangaroo, three species.

Aves. Several unmounted skins of Birds, including Golden Eagle, Snowy Owl, and Red-backed Pelican.

Dimmick, Allan, Esq.—

Skins of Lesser Tern, two Stoats, Nuthatch, Great Tit and Bullfinch.

Hanitsch, R., Esq., Ph.D., Director of the Raffles Museum, Singapore,
per A. S. Wigley, Esq.—

Skin of Mouse Deer.

Hanmer, E., Esq.—

Two pieces of Coral.

Simon, R., Esq.—

Specimen of Yarata.

Studdart, Mrs. T.—

Peacock.

VISITORS TO THE MUSEUMS: NOTE.

During the last week of May, June, July and August, a precise count was made of visitors entering the Natural History Museum, and, taking these weeks as typical of others in each month, the result is shown in the subjoined table. The attendance at the Museum and Art Galleries, Peel Park, is registered by turnstile.

Month	MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES		NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM		Total Museums	Total Daily
	Total	Daily Average	Total	Daily Average	Att'nd'ce	Average
May	5,611	207	8,127	301	13,738	509
June	9,704	359	10,166	391	19,870	750
July	8,066	310	13,780	530	21,846	840
August	13,002	481	11,151	413	24,153	895
Totals	36,383	..	43,224	..	79,607	..
Average <i>per day per</i> month .....	....	339	....	409	....	748

LIBRARIES, READING ROOMS, AND LECTURES.

There is much important work, connected with the Public Libraries and Reading Rooms, that your Committee are desirous of carrying out, but are unable to take in hands owing to financial limitations. Still, as far as these restrictions have permitted, the public efficiency of the various institutions has been maintained.

At the Pendleton Branch Library, the large disused upper room has been brought into public service. Suitable fittings have been erected, and the books forming the lending library have been transferred to it from the ground floor. Portion of the room has been screened off, forming a comfortable women's reading room, where appropriate magazines and periodicals are provided.

A large part of the room still remained unoccupied, and your Committee have had shelving accommodation fitted for the reception of the bound volumes of specifications of patents which they purpose preserving there for use by the public.

The following table shows the number of volumes added to the several libraries during the year :—

Libraries.	Replacements.		New.		Totals.
Reference, Peel Park.....	—	..	502	..	502
Lending, Peel Park	277	..	199	..	476
Greengate	258	..	181	..	439
Regent Road	296	..	208	..	504
Pendleton :.....	315	..	171	..	486
Albert Park	366	..	176	..	542
Weaste	144	..	255	..	399
The Height	89	..	171	..	260
Totals	1,745		1,863		3,608

This total indicates a slight increase upon last year's figures.

The number of books in stock in the Lending Libraries has increased by 1,037, the total now being 59,241 volumes. A striking enlargement of

the roll of borrowers is to be observed, the present number amounting to 13,992, an increase from 13,110 recorded in last year's report. The number of books issued from the Lending Libraries shows a gratifying increase, greater in proportion than the increase in the number of borrowers, the issues, 375,763 volumes, being 25,036 in excess of those of the former year.

The turnover in the Lending Libraries has been 6·7 ; and the issues averaged 26·9 books to each borrower.

The number of juvenile borrowers of books for use in their homes is shown in the subjoined statement. Your Committee are satisfied that a good work is being done, by enabling and encouraging residents in the town to become familiar with the Public Libraries early in life, and to acquire the reading habit which proves so invaluable to the citizen in after years.

NO. OF BORROWERS UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, AND ISSUES OF
BOOKS FOR HOME READING.

Libraries.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Issues.
Peel Park	212 ..	46 ..	258 ..	2,791
Greengate	245 ..	76 ..	321 ..	8,289
Regent Road	416 ..	208 ..	624 ..	10,966
Pendleton	195 ..	98 ..	293 ..	6,333
Albert Park	259 ..	262 ..	521 ..	8,639
Weaste	134 ..	96 ..	230 ..	7,736
The Height	134 ..	66 ..	200 ..	5,288
Totals	1,595	852	2,447	50,042

At all the Lending Libraries the scheme is appreciated by the children, and the staff renders willing assistance in the choice of books. Parents also help their children, and many teachers give valuable guidance by preparing lists for them. In one of the Libraries notably a steadily increased demand is made for books of history, biography, science and travel, due in a great measure to the personal interest of teachers, who choose subjects in these classes of literature for the writing of essays by the scholars. This co-operation and other encouragement given the scholars by the school teachers is warmly appreciated by your Committee.

An additional table is appended to this report (page 23), giving an analysis of the stock and issues of the chief classes of music at the various Lending Libraries.

ABSTRACT FROM THE TABULATED RETURNS.

1.—Number of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries	
Peel Park	69,277
2.—No. of Visitors* to the Natural History Museum,	
Buile Hill Park	82,028
3.—No. of Issues of Books for Home Reading	375,763
4.—No. of Issues of Books for use in the Reading Rooms.	237,550
5.—No. of Readers in News Rooms	1,251,804
6.—No. of Persons in Recreation Rooms	600,473
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Total	2,616,895
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The following is a list of lectures given during the winter :—

20th October.—Rev. J. A. Meeson, M.A., LL.B. “The Ruins of Pompeii.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Worsley, J.P.

3rd November.—Mr. Ben. H. Mullen, M.A. “Greek Sculpture in the Salford Art Galleries : Fifth Century, B.C. and Earlier.”

17th November.—Mr. Edgar Bellingham. “Spain : Past and Present.”

1st December.—Mr. S. S. Lees. “Grandeur and Beauty in Nature : How Produced.”

15th December.—Mr. Peter J. Roberts. “Rocks and How they are Formed.”

12th January.—Mr. Charles Tupling. “In and About Chester.”

26th January.—Mr. Ben. H. Mullen, M.A. “Greek Sculpture in the Salford Art Galleries : Fifth Century B.C. and Later. Chairman, Mr. Alderman Phillips, J.P.

* Estimated from periodical precise counting of visitors entering the building.
See page 7.

9th February.—Rev. W. T. Stonestreet, B.D., F.R.S.L. “The Haunts and Homes of English Birds.”

23rd February.—Mr. Henry Walker. “Nature and Art under the Microscope.”

9th March.—Mr. Edwin Waters. “Through the Lake District.”

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1908-9.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants' and Auditors', Incorporated Society of, London .	1
Ashton, Richard, Esq., Chief Librarian, Blackburn	2
Australia, South, Agent-General for	1
Bailey, Sir William Henry	2
Bliss, Sands, and Foster, Messrs. (publishers).	1
British and Foreign Unitarian Association	2
British Association for the Advancement of Science	1
British Museum, Trustees of the	12
Carnegie, Andrew, Esq.	12
Chartered Institute of Secretaries, <i>per</i> The Secretary	1
Christian Science Publication Committee	1
City and Guilds of London Institute	1
The Committee of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association	1
Co-operative Union, Limited, Manchester	1
Dublin University	1
Durham University	1
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published)	
Hicks Brothers Publishing Company	1
Knowles, Sir Lees, Bart., C.V.O., D.L.	2
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	3
Lawrence, Sir Edward Durning, Bart.	1
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, and Reports from the following :—Aberdeen, Ashton-under- Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn,	

Blackpool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Carnegie Institute (Pittsburgh, U.S.A.), Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Falmouth, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, The John Rylands Library, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Nicholson Institute (Leek), Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Paisley, Perthshire, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherhithe, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shakespeare Memorial Library (Stratford-upon-Avon), Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, South Shields, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tyne-mouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, York.

London, The Corporation of the City of.....	1
The London Directory Co., Ltd.	1
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews..	4
Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society	1
Manchester and Salford Provident Dispensaries Association..	1
Manchester Corporation	11
Manchester Geological and Mining Society—Transactions.	

Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society—Memoirs and Proceedings.	
Manchester Statistical Society—Transactions.	
Mayer, Dr. A.v.	5
National Union of Teachers	1
Neale, James, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., Exors. of the late	1
Patent Office Publications	160
Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors :—	
Abolitionist, Accountant, Agricultural Economist, All the World, Animals' Friend, Arbitrator, Awake, Beehive (Y.M.C.A.), Blackpool Herald, Blackpool Times, Board of Trade Journal, Canada, Canadian Gazette, Cassier's Magazine, Catholic Times, Child's Guardian, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Civil Service Weekly, The Clerk, Clerks of Works' Journal, Cook's Travellers' Gazette, Co-operative News, Cottager and Artizan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Draper, Drapers' Record, Educational Times, Electrician, Food and Cookery, Forester's Miscellany, Free Russia, Free Trader, Garden City, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age, Homœopathic Review, India, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Laundry Journal, Liberal Monthly, Liberator, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, L.G.O. (Local Government Officer and Contractor), London Argus, Machinery Market, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Midland Counties Herald, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Navy League Journal, Patents, Personal Rights Journal, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Present Truth, Printers' Engineer, Property List, The Secretary, Shop Assistant, Socialist Standard, Standard of Empire, State Correspondent, Tariff Reform Notes, University Correspondent, Vaccina-	

tion Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, White Ribbon, Women's Industrial News, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued) :—

Caledonian ; Cambrian ; Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford ;
Great Central ; Great Eastern ; Great Northern ; Great
Northern (Ireland) ; Great Southern and Western (Ireland) ;
Great Western ; Lancashire and Yorkshire ; London and
North Western ; London, Chatham, and Dover ; Midland ;
Midland Great Western (Ireland) ; North British ; North
Eastern ; South Eastern.

Royal Dublin Society—Transactions and Proceedings.

Royal Geographical Society	2
Royal Institution of Great Britain	1
Royal National Life-Boat Institution	1
Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen	9
Royal Society	2
Royal University of Ireland	1
Salford Board of Guardians	2
Salford Corporation	42
Salford Royal Hospital, <i>per</i> Board of Management	1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.	15
Tariff Reform League	2
The Theosophical Society, London, <i>per</i> The Hon. Secretary, Theodore Bell, Esq.	1
University Correspondence College, London	4
Washington, Commissioner of Education for	2
Whyatt, H. G., Esq.	2

MUSEUMS, PEEL PARK AND BUILE HILL PARK.

(See Remarks column, 1906.)

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-1909.

Year. ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850-70	10446477	4963	2104	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades.
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	Local Artists' Exhibition. Langworthy Gallery opened.
1879	381000	260	1465	
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's <i>Balaclava</i>
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings, &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	Loan of Art Objects, S. K. M.
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
†1896	132021	285	463	Scandinavian Art, &c., loan, S. K. M.
1897	149812	317	472	Collection of Art Objects, S. K. M.
1898	151058	313	482	Loan, Enamels, Bronzes, Wedgwood Ware, &c.
1899	128332	306	419	Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings.
1900	132737	310	428	Exhibition Water-colour Drawings, &c.
1901	136234	307	443	Additions to Art Collections.
1902	173680	311	558	Exhibitions: Paintings, Photographs.
1903	153721	311	494	Exhibitions: Embroideries, Water-colours.
1904	141586	312	453	Additions to Art Collections.
1905	125862	311	404	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. M.
1906	110052	313	351	<i>Nat. Hist. Collns. transferred to Buile Hill</i>
1907	159760	308	518	Loans: Pictures and Pottery Figures.
1908	164020	309	530	Additions to Art Collections.
1909	151305	311	486	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. Museum.
60 Years.	21,999,941	15,725	1,399	

* Registering turnstiles first erected.

† First permanently opened on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK, 1908-1909.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	21	1826	5	1252	26	3078	3078	86	250	118
December	23	1354	4	512	27	1866	4944	58	128	69
January	22	1796	5	671	27	2467	7411	81	134	91
February	17	3232	3	1065	20	4297	11708	190	355	214
March	23	1954	4	1699	27	3653	15361	84	424	135
April	21	4497	4	2182	25	6589	21950	209	545	263
May	22	3845	5	1766	27	5611	27561	174	353	207
June	23	7223	4	2481	27	9704	37265	314	620	359
July	22	5955	4	2111	26	8066	45331	270	527	310
August	22	10532	5	2470	27	13002	58333	478	494	481
September	22	4846	4	2333	26	7179	65512	220	583	276
October	21	2699	5	1066	26	3765	69277	128	213	144
Totals, &c.	259	49669	52	19608	311	69277	69277	191	377	222

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.		August Bank Holiday.	
630	731		3273	

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
480	731	550	453	560	1101	324	4199

ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL PARK.

1906-7..... 86613	1907-8..... 88921	1908-9..... 82028
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TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUMS.

1906-7..... 159760	1907-8..... 164020	1908-9..... 151305
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SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	52	10524	727	11251	216	4544	87
GREENGATE BRANCH.....	53	24425	...	24425	460	4018	75
REGENT ROAD BRANCH.....	53	14074	...	14074	265	3637	68
PENDLETON BRANCH.....	52	6954	137	7091	136	317	6
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	52	6658	507	7165	137	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS...	53	2910	37	2947	55	...	...
WEASTE BRANCH	53	4540	340	4880	92	96	1
IRLAMS O'TH' HEIGHT BRANCH ...	52	6467	1843	8310	159	13	...
LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS	53	3424	1517	4941	93	...	...
Totals.....	...	79976	5108	85084	1613	12625	237

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Totals.
		Blue Bks. {5448} {1638}										
Reference, Peel Park.....	1383		1185	5020	...	3340	2796	2014	3437	3955	292	30508
Lending, Peel Park	276	198	198	870	327	676	902	861	721	387	6105	11521
Greengate Branch	260	216	209	1107	...	890	971	727	773	504	4717	10374
Regent Road Branch ...	290	169	258	849	202	544	775	660	669	155	3973	8544
Pendleton Branch	231	154	300	{1031} {6787}	157	623	681	655	630	224	4337	{9023} {6787}
Albert Park Branch.....	264	143	145	655	136	350	430	408	489	293	4788	8101
Wearside Branch	125	108	127	420	...	220	301	251	281	585	2778	5196
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	171	166	159	500	..	260	412	370	280	323	3841	6482
Totals.....	3000	8240	2581	17239	822	6903	7268	5946	7280	6426	30831	96536

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLESTOWN ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEASTE BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLAMS OTH HEIGHT BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS. (Opened Apr., 1905.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE (Opened Jan., 1890.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1894.)										
1850 to 1859...	2166341	1913983	1639480	1711911	948693	...	...	...	...	...	8380408	1851
1889-90	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	...	...	...	...	...	317585	87523
1890-1	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	...	...	...	...	329598	...
1891-2	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	...	...	...	...	407767	1861
1892-3	65924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	...	...	...	...	406126	102449
1893-4	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	...	662	...	...	432728	...
1894-5	63227	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	...	3799	...	...	435867	1871
1895-6	63262	30393	50257	88018	79313	106787	...	5321	...	...	419951	124801
1896-7	66803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	...	3544	...	...	414791	...
1897-8	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	...	6113	...	...	390266	1881
1898-9	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	...	6451	...	...	379007	176235
1899-00	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	...	8621	...	...	374875	...
1900-1	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	...	32381	28957	...	443516	1891
1901-2	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	...	49529	55803	...	483418	198139
1902-3	64537	33279	55908	78607	57650	86652	...	57773	57206	...	511612	...
1903-4	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	...	62605	57206	...	527219	1901
1904-5	65568	35753	64676	77668	63531	87308	...	67916	64799	...	594679	220957
1905-6	67165	38441	69745	77887	78568	105540	...	83725	74108	...	576092	...
1906-7	68464	38435	68373	72220	69496	91149	...	90017	78938	...	583881	Present
1907-8	64952	39152	68885	78750	68673	89729	...	90825	82915	...	613313	Estimated.
1908-9	69128	38110	78512	90640	78629	87401	...	91707	84186	...	17,514,342	241950
Totals	3,433,663	2,557,651	2,785,415	3,362,058	2,380,897	1,749,620	...	660,989	554,149	...	1,251,804	...
Number of Readers in the Reading- Rooms, 1908-9 ..												...
Attendance in Rec- itation Rooms, } 1908-9 .....												...
Totals	185,522	185,522	452,953	386,477	113,934	102,606	97,097	245,671	156,685	111,332	1,852,277	...

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	SALFORD.	PENDLETON.	Broughton.	MANCHESTER AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	354	232	97	25	32	18	269	93	142	254	428	183	95	47	758	1589
Greengate Branch...	373	209	87	44	28	5	224	171	54	297	474	3	250	19	746	1436
Regent Road Branch	634	296	156	70	47	14	515	244	104	354	991	210	3	13	1217	2351
Pendleton Branch...	570	236	132	44	21	29	288	230	92	422	15	1000	3	14	1032	2095
Albert Park Branch.	517	312	153	80	58	106	437	111	130	548	11	12	1160	43	1226	2513
Weaste Branch	423	192	161	60	61	44	171	129	129	512	...	940	...	1	941	2315
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	238	258	239	102	72	7	222	71	290	333	2	815	...	99	916	1693
Totals	3109	1735	1025	425	319	223	2126	1049	941	2720	1921	3168	1511	236	6836	13992

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES AND READING-ROOMS.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Attendance in Recreation Rooms.	Daily Average.
Peel Park	1686	1754	2131	7323	1865	1759	31490	19486	1634	69128	231	299	185522	620	...	...	...
Greengate Branch	341	240	186	579	156	318	7591	17755	3739	30905	100	306	231115	755	304	221838	729
Regent Road Branch	262	205	250	302	295	339	398	23819	770	26640	88	300	163918	546	300	222559	741
Pendleton Branch	159	269	175	388	291	422	626	18626	891	21847	71	307	113934	371	...	...	...
Albert Park Branch	4	11	7	33	20	11	6961	17483	105	24635	82	300	102606	342	...	...	...
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	303	37265	122	301	59832	198
Waste Branch	66	117	45	200	132	96	16639	17177	450	34922	114	306	210207	686	294	35464	120
Irlands o'th Height Branch	159	151	176	747	211	383	1578	25180	888	29473	98	300	156685	522	...	...	...
Leicester Rd.Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	306	50552	165	...	60780	198
Totals	2677	2747	2970	9572	2970	3328	65283	139526	8477	237550	784	...	1251804	4129	...	600473	1986

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Musie.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park	111	171	334	1165	1156	451	897	543	743	32539	38110	129	294
Greengate Branch	130	168	245	1121	...	269	1022	344	2283	42025	47607	158	301
Regent Road Branch	357	192	352	1559	667	1213	1459	569	1712	55920	64000	213	300
Pendleton Branch	173	147	370	1370	1002	509	954	492	1598	45167	51782	176	293
Albert Park Branch	341	194	397	1179	1085	574	1449	611	2211	54725	62766	212	295
Waste Branch	279	259	322	1111	...	786	1475	424	4137	47992	56785	193	294
Irlands o'th Height Branch	252	314	431	1076	...	517	1082	634	2137	48270	54713	186	294
Totals	1643	1445	2451	8681	3910	4319	8338	3617	14821	326638	375763	1267	...

ANALYSIS OF STOCK AND ISSUES OF MUSIC FROM THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

Principal Classes.	PEEL PARK.		REGENT ROAD.		PENDLETON.		ALBERT PARK.		Totals.	
	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, in 1908-9.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, in 1908-9.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, in 1908-9.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, in 1908-9.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues in 1908-9.
Operas	103	599	9	118	31	525	9	186	152	1428
Oratorios.....	42	126	9	28	14	36	10	22	75	212
Pianoforte Albums ...	43	151	102	250	8	51	37	338	190	790
Ditto (Juveniles)	14	23	11	31	8	30	10	136	43	220
Pianoforte Pieces and Songs (combined in one vol.).....	29	33	7	24	20	254	17	123	73	434
Songs	34	89	27	71	19	229	10	33	90	422
Selections, Sonatas, Overtures, &c. ...	41	87	13	31	38	109	29	191	121	418
Violin Albums	10	28	14	60	13	45	12	46	49	179
Organ	11	20	2	12	2	7	2	10	17	49
Totals	327	1156	194	625	153	1286	136	1085	810	4152

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	446	85	Embossers	1	—
Actor and Actress	1	1	Embroiderers	—	3
Agents and Collectors	45	—	Engineers, Civil	6	—
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	405	80	Engineers, Electrical ..	4	—
Architects and Surveyors	6	—	Engineers, Mechanical	45	—
Artists	—	2	Engravers and Pentagraphers..	14	3
Auctioneer and Valuer	1	—	Factory Operatives	40	111
Bakers and Confectioners	12	19	Fancy Box Makers	—	4
Barrister	1	—	Fishmongers and Poulterers...	2	—
Billiard Markers	2	—	Fitters and Mechanics.....	93	—
Blacksmiths and Strikers	17	—	Florists	—	5
Boiler Makers	3	—	Folders and Sewers.....	—	9
Bookbinders	5	—	Foremen and Forewomen	6	3
Booksellers and Stationers.....	4	3	French Polishers	11	1
Bootmakers and Dealers	11	—	Furnacemen	5	—
Bricklayers and Masons.....	17	—	Furriers	2	—
Broker	1	—	Gardeners	5	—
Brushmakers	2	—	Gas Inspectors.....	7	—
Builder and Contractor	1	—	Glass Blowers and Cutters.....	5	—
Butchers	16	—	Governesses	—	3
Cap Makers	—	3	Greengrocers	3	—
Caretakers	12	2	Grocers ..	45	2
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	69	—	Gymnastics Instructor.....	1	—
Carters, Vanmen, etc.....	17	—	Hairdressers	17	—
Cashiers.....	13	2	House Furnisher	—	1
Chemists and Druggists	25	1	Housekeepers	—	213
Cigar and Cigarette Makers ..	—	9	Instrument Makers.....	5	—
Civil Service Officials	7	—	Insurance Inspectors	6	—
Clergymen and Ministers	11	—	Iron and Brass Founders,		
Clogger ¹	1	—	Moulders, etc.	117	—
Cloth Stamper	1	—	Ironmongers	4	—
Coach Builders and Painters...	5	—	Journalists	2	—
Coal Miners	17	—	Knitter	—	1
Commercial Travellers	44	—	Labourers and Porters	181	—
Cooks	—	3	Lacquerer	—	1
Core Makers	1	—	Lady's Companions	—	5
Cork Cutter	1	—	Lamplighters	2	—
Corset Maker	—	1	Laundresses	—	7
Costumiers	3	3	Licensed Victuallers	6	2
Dairymen	4	—	Lithographers	6	—
Dentist	1	—	Machinists.....	6	109
Designers	8	—	Makers-up and Packers	25	5
Diamond Polisher	1	—	Managers and Manageresses ..	23	8
Dispensers of Medicine ..	3	—	Manufacturers and Merchants	15	—
Domestic Servants	—	81	Married	13	718
Drapers and Haberdashers.....	6	5	Milliners	—	26
Draughtsmen	16	—	Millwright.....	1	—
Dress and Mantle Makers	2	78	Mission Workers	—	2
Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	9	—	Motormen	8	—
Electricians	34	—	Musicians	10	6
			None or Not Stated	77	360
			Nurses	—	28
			Packing-case Makers ..	2	—
			Painters and Decorators.....	30	1

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.—*Continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Paper Bag Makers	—	5	Sign Writers.....	3	—
Paper Makers, Rulers, etc	9	3	Solicitors	2	—
Paper Sorters	—	2	Steward.....	1	—
Pattern Card Makers	6	1	Stokers	2	—
Pattern Makers	20	—	Storekeepers.....	9	—
Paviors	3	—	Students	23	12
Pawnbrokers.....	15	—	Switchmaker	1	—
Photographers	1	1	Tailoresses.....	—	39
Physicians and Surgeons	8	—	Tailors and Outfitters	18	—
Plumbers and Glaziers	25	—	Tea Packer	—	1
Police Officers	11	—	Telephone Operators	2	20
Post Office Employés	37	7	Timekeepers	3	—
Printers, Compositors, and			Tin Plate Workers	5	—
Feeders	46	10	Tobacconists.....	3	1
Railway Employés	32	—	Tram Conductors.....	16	—
Rubber Workers	11	2	Tripe Dressers	3	—
Saddlers and Harness Makers	3	—	Typists	1	51
Salesmen and Buyers	41	—	Tyre Repairer	—	1
Saleswomen	—	3	Undertaker	1	—
Salvation Army Officer	1	—	Upholsterers	4	1
Sanitary Inspectors.....	2	—	Violin Maker.....	1	—
Sawyers.....	2	—	Vocalists	3	—
School Attendance Officers ...	2	—	Waiters and Waitresses	10	10
School Children	1023	528	Warehousemen and Women ...	119	19
Schoolmasters and Mistresses	15	11	Watch and Clock Makers	4	—
School Teachers	36	202	Waterproof Garment Makers... ..	1	4
Secretaries	2	—	Well Borer	1	—
Sempstress	—	1	Wharfingers	2	—
Ship's Rigger	1	—	Whitesmith	1	—
Shipwrights	2	—	Window Cleaner	1	—
Shirt Makers.....	—	5	Wire Drawers	10	—
Shop Assistants	15	49	Wire Mattress Weaver	—	1
Shopkeepers	28	20	Wood Turners and Carvers ...	6	—

Males 3811
 Females..... 3025

Total..... 6836

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, MANDLEY, AND CLAREMONT PARKS.

During the past year constant attention has been given to the various parks, and some very necessary improvements and repairs have been carried out.

The very wet and unfavourable season has had a very marked effect upon the various open-air recreations in the parks, especially bowling, tennis, and the attendance at the band performances.

The spring and summer bedding was again exceptionally good, and was greatly appreciated.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received the necessary attention, namely :—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Walness Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Everard Street, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, King Street (The Height), Chapter Square, Regent Square, The Crescent Land, and the Duchy Land, Broad Street.

The Chapter Square Recreation Ground was opened by the Chairman of the Parks Sub-Committee, (Alderman Rudman, J.P.), on the 6th April, and has proved to be a very valuable addition to the playgrounds of the Borough.

The improvement of the Duchy Land, Broad Street, which was undertaken in 1906, has now been completed, and the grass, trees, and shrubs are now doing fairly well. This improvement has been much appreciated.

BOWLING GREENS.

The bowling greens have again given pleasureable recreation to a large number of players, but owing to the unsettled weather there is a very considerable falling off in the numbers of players, and also in the receipts compared to last year. The total receipts from the twelve bowling greens are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players
Peel Park	52	9	4	....	6,296
Buile Hill (two greens)	93	18	10	....	11,273
Albert Park (two greens)	91	18	6	....	11,031
Ordsall Park (two greens)	83	11	8	....	10,030
Mandley Park (two greens)	80	9	4	....	9,656
Charlestown Recreation Ground	31	3	0	3,738
King Street (The Height)	28	3	2	3,379
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	£461	13	10		55,403
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The receipts from the bowling greens last year were £587 1s., and the total number of players 70,446.

LAWN TENNIS.

The tennis courts have again been a source of pleasure to a large number of young people, but here again the weather has had a marked effect upon the receipts.

The total receipts from the tennis courts are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players.
Peel Park (six courts)	21	2	4	....	2,534
Buile Hill (six courts)	26	12	6	....	3,195
Albert Park (five courts)	30	10	10	....	3,665
Mandley Park (two courts)	14	4	0	1,704
Claremont Park (three courts)	16	9	8	..	1,978
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	£108	19	4		13,076
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The receipts from the tennis courts last year were £128 6s. 4d., and the number of players 15,398.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

The following bands were engaged :—

Salford Police Band.
 Salford Tramways Military Band.
 Pendleton Old Prize Band.
 Central Hall Prize Band.
 Boys' and Girls' Refuges and Homes Band.
 St. Joseph's Boys' Military Band.
 Irwell Street Prize Band.
 Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Prize Band.
 Barnes' Home Industrial School Band.
 South Salford Silver Band.
 Salvation Army Band.
 Pendleton Public Prize Band.
 Certified Industrial School Band.
 Band of the 8th Manchester Regiment. (Special.)
 Royal Army Medical Corps Band. (Special.)

The number of performances given was 77, as against 72 last year.

	£	s.	d.
The total cost of the bands was	348	0	0
Police attendance	6	6	8
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	£354	6	8
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as against £364 12s. 6d. last year.

PEEL PARK COTTAGE WINDOW GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The twenty-eighth annual exhibition was held in Peel Park, on July 30th and 31st and August 2nd. The show was again very satisfactory in every way, and proved a very enjoyable attraction to many thousands of our townspeople.

The number of visitors was 23,800, as against 26,150 last year.

A special and attractive feature of the exhibition is the drawing competition for children attending the Borough Schools. There were 1,206 entries in this class, and the exhibits formed a unique and interesting display.

The exhibition was opened by the Mayoress of Salford (Miss Jenkins) supported by His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the Museum, Libraries and Parks Committee, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work.

The number of plants sold was 8,871, as against 8,541 last year.

The total value of the prizes awarded at the exhibition was £140, as against £117 18s. 4d. last year.

Special prizes were again given by the Mayor of the value of £2 2s., by Mrs. C. J. Heywood of £2 2s., and by the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Casartelli) £2. J. D. Affleck, Esq., again gave a Special prize, value £3 3s., for the cleanest backyard in the Adelphi district.

GENERALLY.

PEEL PARK.

At Peel Park a second bowling green has been constructed, and a new bowl-house and shelter has been built to serve the two greens.

BUILE HILL.

A new roof has been fixed to the shelter near the bowling green, and a new greenhouse 120 feet long and 16 feet wide has been built to replace three worn-out greenhouses now taken down, and a new roof fixed to a lean-to greenhouse 75 feet long and 12 feet wide.

Two asphalté tennis courts have been constructed.

ALBERT PARK.

The remaining half of the lake has been cleaned out, the edges repaired with rockery stone, and a pathway made under the bridge.

ORDSALL PARK.

The whole of the walks have been put in order, and the iron fences painted.

MANDLEY PARK.

An asphalte tennis court has been laid.

CRESCENT LAND.

From the 19th October, 1908, to 16th October, 1909, 13,567 loads of rubbish have been tipped, for which £169 11s. 9d. has been received, and about 2,500 loads, tipped free of charge by the various departments of the Corporation.

Two hundred yards of fence is being fixed by the river bank.

(Signed)

ALFRED WORSLEY,

CHAIRMAN.

19th October, 1909.

MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1909-1910.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Snape, J.P.

THE DEPUTY-MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Jenkins, J.P.

Chairman—Mr. Alderman Worsley, J.P.*

Deputy-Chairman—Mr. Alderman Desquesnes.

Mr. Alderman Frankenburg, J.P.

„ „ Phillips, J.P.†

„ „ Rudman, J.P.†

Mr. Councillor Barker.

„ „ Blakeway.

„ „ Burnley, J.P.

Mr. Councillor Grundy.

„ „ Kettle.

„ „ Lees.

„ „ McDougall.

„ „ Steele, J.P.

„ „ Whittle.

* Chairman, Libraries, Reading Rooms, and Lectures Sub-Committee.

† Chairman, Museums and Art Galleries Sub-Committee.

† Chairman, Parks and Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES.

BEN. H. MULLEN, M.A.,

CURATOR AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

H. R. Claye, *Curator's Museum Assistant.*

Annie F. Haynes, *Curator's Clerical Assistant.*

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

Thomas Blease, *Head Attendant.*

William Trevor, *Attendant.*

George Ertkamp, *Attendant.*

Frank Longshaw, „

Plumpton Mitcham, *Relief Attendant.*

Reginald Palmer, *Junior Attendant.*

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL.

James Whitelegg, *Senior Attendant.* | J. E. Mather, *Attendant.*

PEEL PARK LIBRARIES.

REFERENCE.

Alfred Hobson, *Librarian.*

A. Wadsworth, *Senior Assistant.*

H. Horridge, *Assistant.*

H. Hargreaves, *Assistant.*

LENDING.

Bernard Wallace, *Librarian.*

John Bray, *Senior Assistant*

W. E. Jones, *Assistant.*

GREENGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Edward Lord, *Librarian.*

Thomas Noble, *Assistant.*

Thomas Peel, *Senior Assistant.*

Wm. Hancock, „

A. S. White, *Attendant.*

REGENT ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY.

Asa Jackson, *Librarian.*

S. Cunningham, *Assistant.*

Enoch Stone, *Senior Assistant.*

C. H. Littler „

T. E. Oldbury, *Attendant.*

PENDLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Charles H. Crossley, *Librarian.*

F. M'Intosh, *Assistant.*

A. Smith, *Senior Assistant.*

Archd. Swindells, *Assistant.*

ALBERT PARK BRANCH LIBRARY.

Henry Santon, *Librarian.*

Alice B. Ingall, *Assistant.*

Francis Jackson, *Senior Assistant.*

Elsie M. Santon „

Dorothy Haynes, *Assistant.*

CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS.

Joseph Goulding, *Attendant.*

WEASTE BRANCH LIBRARY.

T. C. T. Smith, *Librarian.*

John Burgess, *Assistant.*

J. H. Smith, *Senior Assistant.*

George Preston, „

Joseph Taylor, *Evening Attendant.*

IRLAM'S O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH LIBRARY.

H. F. J. Hargreaves, *Librarian.*

Francis Orr, *Assistant.*

T. H. Barnfield, *Senior Assistant.*

Peter Agnew, „

Albert E. Mather, *Attendant.*

LEICESTER ROAD READING-ROOMS.

Francis Harl, *Attendant.*

PUBLIC PARKS.

ALFRED WILSHER, SUPERINTENDENT.



COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

SIXTY-SECOND

REPORT

OF THE

MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, & PARKS
COMMITTEE.

1909-10.

SALFORD :

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REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, & PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their Report for the year ended 31st October, 1910, being the sixty-second report since the inauguration of the Public Library and Museum at Peel Park in 1849.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

Work has been done in overhauling and rearranging some of the collections, notably in the section of Ceramics and Prehistoric Antiquities.

In order to strengthen and enrich the educational nature of the collections of Sculpture, some interesting Egyptian, Assyrian and Greek pieces have been added, as recorded later in this report.

The entire collection of Sculpture in Rooms F and G has been rearranged, and all the pieces have been supplied with descriptive labels, which are much used and appreciated by the public.

Some electrotpe additions have been made to the collections of Metalwork, new types and forms being introduced, and examples added illustrative of technical modes of decoration not hitherto represented in the collections. The Board of Education, by contributing one half the cost of purchasing these objects, continues a generous assistance which your Committee have enjoyed for many years. Without this aid it would have been quite

impossible to make the gratifying growth which has been so marked and continuous in the educational force of the collections.

Additional objects have been placed on exhibition in the Ethnographical collections.

The Oil-paintings are maintained in good condition.

The sale of the penny descriptive Catalogue of the Pictures and Sculpture has been satisfactory.

Considerable attention has been shown by visitors to the valuable and interesting collection of English Pottery Figures so generously deposited on loan since July, 1906, by Messrs. Frank Falkner and E. J. Sidebotham. In June Dr. Sidebotham removed his portion of this joint collection.

Your Committee are again indebted to the generosity of the Trustees of the National Gallery of British Art, who for some months allowed them the privilege of exhibiting the Chantrey picture, *A Favourite Custom*, by Sir L. Alma-Tadema, R.A., a privilege which was much appreciated by the public.

During the year the following oil-paintings were lent from the Salford art galleries to the Burnley Corporation for exhibition at Towneley Hall : *Wrecked Ship on Fire*, by Alfred Montague, and *The Burial of John Hampden*, by P. H. Calderon, R.A. The picture, *The Last Sleep of Argyll*, by E. M. Ward, R.A., was lent for exhibition at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, London.

Numerous objects of local antiquarian interest have been lent to the Manchester Art Gallery Committee for incorporation in the "Old Manchester and Salford Exhibition," which is being held for a limited period at the Queen's Park Museum, Manchester.

The loan collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum has been changed. The new loan comprises the following : Italian textiles, Oriental pottery vessels and tiles, Italian bronzes with reproductions, enamels, metalwork and jewellery.

During the year, thirteen organised visits were paid by school classes, numbering in all 261 scholars.

DONATIONS.

Mullen, Ben. H., Esq., M.A.—

Sixty-four photo-process plates for ethnographical collections.

Peace and Norquoy, Messrs.—

A Creeing-trough (*temp.* Elizabeth) found in the cellar of a dismantled house, Gloucester Street, near the river Medlock, Manchester.

Ridyard, Arnold, Esq.—

Basket, Northern Nigeria.

PURCHASES.

Oil-painting. *Ordsall Hall* by J. Ralston, about the year 1820.

Electrotypes of Silversmith's work : PLATE, silver, parcel-gilt, *French* 1330 ; MONSTRANCE, silver-gilt, *Portuguese*, 1530-40 ; PATEN, silver-gilt, *English*, 1562-3 ; WINE-CUP, silver, *English*, 1578-9 ; CHALICE, bronze-gilt, *Italian*, 16th century ; WINE-CUP, silver, *English*, 1617-18 ; WINE-CUP, silver, *English*, 1637-8 ; DISH, silver, *English*, middle of 17th century ; TANKARD, *English*, 1673-4 ; SALT-CELLAR, silver-gilt, *Swiss* (Neuchatel), second half of 17th century ; DISH, silver, *Spanish*, 17th century ; PLATE, silver, *Dutch*, early 18th century.

Plaster casts of Sculpture : Upper part of Statue of Ramešes II, *Egyptian*, 1300 B.C. ; Relief, fugitives swimming, *Assyrian*, 9th century B.C. ; Relief, captives impaled, *Assyrian*, 8th century B.C. ; Charioteer of Delphi, *Greek*, 5th century B.C. ; Relief, offering to Apollo, *Greek*, 4th century B.C. ; Relief, offering to Artemis Bendis, *Greek*, 4th century B.C. ; Relief, a Maenad, *Graeco-Roman* ; Relief, Bacchanalian, *Graeco-Roman*, 2nd century A.D.

Slave-whip from Central Africa.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL PARK.

Work at the Natural History Museum has made steady progress during the year, and the advance in the value and educational usefulness of the institution is appreciated by the public.

Several additions have been made to the collection of British Birds, notably among the birds of prey, where some new group-cases, various species of Falcon, for instance, are now on exhibition.

A special case has been completed illustrating variable resemblance among northern British Fauna. This shows the Mountain Hare, the Common Stoat and the Ptarmigan in their summer and winter pelage and plumage, which for aggressive and protective purposes vary in colour with the seasons.

In another special group-case are being brought together the various species of British Carnivora. Up to the present, your Committee have been enabled to place upon exhibition the following : The Common Badger, Otter, Stoat, Wild Cat, Weasel and Polecat.

The articulated skeleton of a man (*Homo caucasicus*) has been placed beside one of an Orang-utan (*Simia satyrus*) in a special case for the purposes of contrast and comparison. In conjunction with them, and for the same purposes, are shown the skulls of Man, Mousterian type (photo-process plate); Man, Australian (*Homo aethiopicus*); Man, European (*Homo caucasicus*); and Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*). Descriptive labels add to these exhibits their interest and educational value.

In a large show-case, the interior being fitted with appropriate panoramic setting, are now exhibited several typical species of the sub-order *Anthropoidea* or Man-like forms. They comprise a large and rare male Chimpanzee from the Cameroons; a male Orang-utan from Sumatra; a Spider-Monkey, Brown Howler and White-headed Saki from South America; a Green Guenon, Diana Guenon, Mona Guenon and Büttikofer's Guenon from West Africa; a Lion-tailed Macaque from India; and a Ruppell's Guereza from North-east Africa.

The skins of most of these specimens (besides others named below) are gifts from Mr. Brazenor, the taxidermist, who continues to do satisfactory and effective work under the direction of the Curator.

The exhibition of the fine example of the King Penguin, presented

by Sir Ernest Shackleton, C.V.O., and brought by him from Macquarie Island, is of interest.

Other important and progressive taxidermic work of a preparatory nature is in hands.

Your Committee are dealing further with the Botanical section of the Museum, with the view of making it still more interesting to the public and more useful to students and scholars. Several specimens are being added which will show the natural methods of dispersal of fruits and seeds, besides numerous specimens illustrating the morphology of British plants, methods of pollination of flowers, and the character of typical and allied genera within the British natural orders of flowering plants. Other work in this section is proceeding.

During the year, scholars to the number of 1,666 from 25 schools paid organised visits to this museum.

DONATIONS.

Brazenor, H., Esq.—

Man, Two skulls of, foetal and adult.

The following skins :—

Lemur, Ring-tailed.

Capivara.

Common Badger.

Otter (British).

White Hare.

White Stoat.

Dormice, Two.

Polecat.

Wood-mice, Two.

Wild Cat.

Pythons, Four.

White Ptarmigan, Three.

Red-backed Shrike.

Little Auk.

Great Reed-Warbler.

Barred Warbler.

Cetti's Warbler.

Redstart.

Stonechat.

Whinchat.

Lesser Black-backed Gull.

Tawny Pipit.

Short-toed Lark.

White-winged Crossbill.

Bee-eater.

Lapland Bunting.

Stonechat.

Whinchat.

Ptarmigan, Four, in summer plumage.

Red Grouse, Two.

Black Grouse, Immature.

Red-backed Shrike.

Jennison, James, Esq.—

Burchell's Zebra, female, skin.

Roberts, Master John—

Weasel, immature, in the flesh.

Shackleton, Sir Ernest, C.V.O.—

King Penguin from Macquarie Island, skin.

Shaw, Miss Bertha W.—

Egg of Crocodile, Lagos.

PURCHASES.

Orang-utan, Skeleton bones of, Borneo.

Chimpanzee, Large, from Cameroons. (Not yet named. Rothschild's *Simia satyrus*?). Skin.

Botanical Exhibits, Series of Specimens :—

- (1) Morphology of Plants ; (2) Dispersal of Fruits and Seeds ;
- (3) Typical genera within the British natural orders of flowering plants.

VISITORS TO THE MUSEUMS : NOTE.

On each day of the last complete week (ending on Saturday) in each month a record was made by actual counting of the visitors as they entered the Natural History Museum. From this precise basis the attendance during each month has been calculated. The attendance at the Museum and Art Galleries, Peel Park, is registered by turnstile.

Month.	MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.		NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.		Total Museums Att'd'ce.	Total Daily Av'ge.
	Total	Daily Average	Total.	Daily Average.		
November.....	2,274	87	3,660	141	5,934	228
December	1,366	54	6,276	251	7,642	305
January	2,090	77	1,405	52	3,495	129
February	5,010	250	4,576	183	9,586	433
March	7,173	265	20,976	777	28,149	1042
April	3,943	157	7,950	318	11,893	475
May	9,635	344	12,788	456	22,423	800
June	6,288	241	15,732	605	22,020	846
July	8,397	323	17,415	669	25,812	992
August	11,853	439	5,680	210	17,533	649
September	7,407	296	5,412	216	12,819	512
October	4,977	184	4,135	153	9,112	337
Totals	70,413	...	106,005	...	176,418	...
Averages ....	..	226	..	336	..	562

LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

At the Reference Library, where the volumes have for some years been much congested, relief has been afforded by the transfer of the large series of bound volumes of specifications of patents to the Branch Library at Pendleton, where they are conveniently accessible for consultation by the public. The books in the Reference Library have been entirely redistributed on the shelves.

At the Pendleton Branch your Committee have opened as a recreation room the apartment on the ground floor vacated last year by the transfer of the library books to the upper floor.

The addition of the newly-built recreation room at the Greengate Branch Library made demands upon the heating apparatus, which could not be met by the furnace ; and it has been found that the furnace at the Regent Road Branch Library had not sufficient power properly to heat the upper room now used as a lending library. Your Committee have, therefore, supplied a new and suitable furnace at each place with satisfactory results.

Repairs have been effected to the brickwork at the Pendleton Branch Library; and the outside wood- and ironwork at the Museum and Libraries, Peel Park, and at the Leicester Road Branch Reading Rooms have been painted.

A new complete catalogue of books at the Albert Park Branch Library has been printed. Previous to this being done, the entire stock was re-arranged and re-numbered in accordance with the system adopted at the other lending libraries of the Borough, the result being a more rapid service, with greater convenience both to borrowers and staff.

The supply of magazines, periodicals and newspapers is satisfactorily maintained ; and some publications dealing with handicrafts and natural history have been added to those taken at all the reading rooms, the latter co-operating with the work conducted at the Natural History Museum.

The number of books, both replacements and new, added to the several libraries during the year is set out in the following table :—

Libraries.	Replacements.	New	Totals
Reference, Peel Park.....	— ..	438 ..	438
Lending, Peel Park	132 ..	198 ..	330
Greengate Branch	74 ..	208 ..	282
Regent Road Branch	126 ..	184 ..	310
Pendleton Branch	78 ..	175 ..	253
Albert Park Branch	191 ..	154 ..	345
Weaste Branch	43 ..	257 ..	300
The Height Branch	78 ..	199 ..	277
Totals	<u>722</u>	<u>1,813</u>	<u>2,535</u>

An examination of the statistical returns, and a comparison made with those of last year, reveal some interesting facts.

The Sunday attendance at the reading-rooms, 77,681, shows a decrease of 7,403 persons. The average attendance per Sunday ranges from 55 at Charlestown Reading Rooms to 427 at the Greengate Branch.

The total attendance in the reading-rooms amounted to 1,257,486, an increase of 5,682 persons. An advance of 39,101 is shown in the attendance at the recreation rooms, the total amounting to 639,574 during the year. The figure, 97,811 represents the attendance at the newly-opened recreation room at the Pendleton Branch, but the record of the attendance at the other recreation rooms shows a diminution.

The following statement is of interest :—

Lending Library.	No. of Volumes.	No. of Borrowers.	No. of Issues.	Turn-over.	Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	11,618	1,454	35,368	3·0	24·3
Greengate Branch	10,557	1,449	44,321	4·1	30·5
Regent Road Branch	8,562	2,537	64,399	7·5	25·3
Pendleton Branch	9,005	2,129	53,363	5·9	25·0
Albert Park Branch	7,974	2,310	56,844	7·1	24·6
Weaste Branch	5,492	2,369	61,660	11·2	26·0
The Height Branch	6,657	1,688	54,004	8·1	31·9
Totals	<u>59,865</u>	<u>13,936</u>	<u>369,959</u>	..	..
Averages	<u>8,552</u>	<u>1,991</u>	<u>52,851</u>	6·7	26·8

It is gratifying to note that, in regard to the use made of the lending libraries by juvenile borrowers, a marked increase is shown by the figures of this year as compared with those of last year.

NO. OF BORROWERS UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, AND ISSUES OF
BOOKS FOR HOME READING.

Lending Libraries.	Boys.	Girls.	Tstals.	Issues.	Issues per Borrower
Peel Park	233 ..	33 ..	266 ..	3,272 ..	12·3
Greengate Branch	262 ..	111 ..	373 ..	7,373 ..	19·7
Regent Road Branch ..	673 ..	243 ..	916 ..	18,848 ..	20·5
Pendleton Branch	358 ..	156 ..	514 ..	5,653 ..	10·9
Albert Park Branch ...	229 ..	227 ..	456 ..	5,505 ..	12·0
Weaste Branch	236 ..	184 ..	420 ..	8,225 ..	19·5
The Height Branch ...	133 ..	72 ..	205 ..	6,387 ..	31·1
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Totals	2,124	1,026	3,150	55,263	..
Averages	303	146	450	7,894	18·0
<i>Totals—1908-9</i> ..	<i>1,595</i>	<i>852</i>	<i>2,447</i>	<i>50,042</i>	...

The table of Ages of Borrowers shows that the number of borrowers varies inversely as their ages; or, in other words, that as men grow older they borrow a less number of books from the public libraries. Thus, omitting those of uncertain age, one sees from the table that if the number of borrowers of 20 years and under be represented by the number 326, those of 30 years and under will be represented by 152; 40 years and under, by 99; 50 and under, by 42; while the number 28 would represent all those above fifty years of age.

The following abstract from the tabulated returns shows at a glance the use that members of the public have made of the institutions under the control of your Committee.

ABSTRACT FROM TABULATED RETURNS.

1.—Number of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries

Peel Park 70,413

<i>Brought forward</i>	70,413
2.—Number of Visitors* to the Natural History Museum, Buile Hill Park	106,005
3.—Number of Issues of Books for Home Reading	369,959
4.—Number of Issues of Books for use in the Reading Rooms	235,998
5.—Number of Readers in the News Rooms	1,257,486
6.—Number of Persons in Recreation Rooms	639,574
Total	<u>2,679,435</u>

This total is 62,540 in advance of last year's figures.

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1909-10.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants and Auditors, Society of Incorporated	1
Atherton, Robert, Esq.	5
Blacow, F. W., Esq., A.R.C.O.	1
Booth, Bramwell, Esq.	1
British Association for the Advancement of Science	1
British Museum, Trustees of the	4
Brotherton Memorial Fund	27
Bythway, J. E., Esq.	2
Carnegie, Andrew, Esq.	1
Carson and Comerford, Messrs., Ltd.	1
Casson, H. N., Esq.	1
Chartered Institute of Secretaries	1
City and Guilds of London Institute	2
Co-operative Union, Limited, Manchester	1
Dublin University	3
Durham University	1
Eastwood, John, Esq.	1

* Estimated from periodical precise counting of visitors entering the building.
See Page 8.

Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published)	
Hearts of Oak Benefit Society	10
Huggins, Sir William	1
Knight, William, Esq., LL.D.	1
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	3
Lawrence, Sir Edwin Durning, Bart.	8
Layton, Messrs. Charles and Edwin	2
Lever, Ellis, Esq.	2
Lewin, Joseph, Esq.	1
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, and Reports from the following :—Aberdeen, Ashton-under- Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Carnegie Institute (Pittsburgh, U.S.A.), Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clap- ham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Falmouth, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, The John Rylands Library, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Nicholson Institute (Leek), Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Paisley, Perthshire, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherithe, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shakespeare Memorial Library (Stratford-upon-Avon), Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southamp-	

ton, South Shields, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, York.	
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews . .	3
Macmillan, Messrs., & Co., Ltd.	3
Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society	1
Manchester Corporation	16
Manchester Geological and Mining Society—Transactions.	
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society—Memoirs and Proceedings.	
Manchester Statistical Society—Transactions.	
May, Thomas, Esq., F.S.A.	2
Meek, Rev. George, B.A.	1
Melbourne, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics . .	22
Millar, C. P., Esq.	2
National Union of Teachers	1
North-Eastern Railway Co.	8
Ogita, E., Esq.	1
Patent Office Publications	169
Pendleton Co-operative Society, Ltd.	1
Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors :—	
Abolitionist, Accountant, Agricultural Economist, All the World, Animals' Friend, Arbitrator, Awake, Beehive (Y.M.C.A.), Blackpool Herald, Blackpool Times, Board of Trade Journal, British Machinist and Patents, Canada, Canadian Gazette, Cassier's Magazine, Catholic Times, Child's Guardian, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Clark's Educator, The Clerk, Clerks	

of Works' Journal, Contractor's Record and Municipal Engineering, Cook's Travellers' Gazette, Co-operative News, Cottager and Artizan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Draper, Drapers' Record, Educational Times, Electrician, The Federationist, Forester's Miscellany, Free Russia, Free Trader, Garden City, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age, Homœopathic Review, I.C.S. Student, India, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Laundry Journal, Liberal Monthly, Liberator, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, L.G.O. (Local Government Officer and Contractor), London Argus, Machinery Market, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Midland Counties Herald, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Navy League Journal, Personal Rights Journal, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Present Truth, Printers' Engineer, Property List, The Secretary, Shop Assistant, Socialist Standard, Standard of Empire, State Correspondent, Tariff Reform Notes, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, White Ribbon, Women's Industrial News, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Pitman, Messrs. Sir Isaac, and Sons, Ltd.	1
Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued) :	
Caledonian ; Cambrian ; Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford ;	
Great Central ; Great Eastern ; Great Northern ; Great	
Northern (Ireland) ; Great Southern and Western (Ireland) ;	
Great Western ; Lancashire and Yorkshire ; London and	
North Western ; London, Chatham, and Dover ; Midland ;	
Midland Great Western (Ireland) ; North British ; North	
Eastern ; South Eastern.	
Roberts, Joseph, Esq.	2
Royal Dublin Society—Transactions and Proceedings.	
Royal Geographical Society	22
Royal Institution of Great Britain	1

Royal Insurance Co., Ltd.	1
Royal Society—Proceedings.	
Royal University of Ireland	2
Salford Board of Guardians	2
Salford Corporation	41
Salford Royal Hospital, <i>per</i> Board of Management	1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.	3
University Correspondence College, London	4
Washington, Commissioner of Education for	1

MUSEUMS, PEEL PARK AND BUILE HILL PARK.

(See Remarks column, 1906.)

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-1910.

Year. ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850-70	10446477	4963	2104	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades.
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	Local Artists' Exhibition. Langworthy Gallery opened.
1879	381000	260	1465	
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's <i>Balaclava</i>
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings, &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	Loan of Art Objects, S. K. M.
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
†1896	132021	285	463	Scandinavian Art, &c., loan, S. K. M.
1897	149812	317	472	Collection of Art Objects, S. K. M.
1898	151058	313	482	Loan, Enamels, Bronzes, Wedgwood Ware, &c.
1899	128332	306	419	Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings.
1900	132737	310	428	Exhibition Water-colour Drawings, &c.
1901	136234	307	443	Additions to Art Collections.
1902	173680	311	558	Exhibitions: Paintings, Photographs.
1903	153721	311	494	Exhibitions: Embroideries, Water- colours.
1904	141586	312	453	Additions to Art Collections.
1905	125862	311	404	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. M.
1906	110052	313	351	<i>Nat. Hist. Colls. transferred to Buile Hill</i>
1907	159760	308	518	Loans: Pictures and Pottery Figures.
1908	164020	309	530	Additions to Art Collections.
1909	151305	311	486	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. Museum.
1910	176418	309	570	
61 Years.	22,176,359	16,034	1,383	

* Registering turnstiles first erected.

† First permanently opened on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK, 1909-1910.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	22	1532	4	742	26	2274	2274	69	185	87
December	21	934	4	432	25	1366	3640	44	108	54
January	22	1509	5	581	27	2090	5730	68	116	77
February	17	3987	3	1023	20	5010	10740	234	341	250
March	23	4904	4	2269	27	7173	17913	213	567	265
April	21	2018	4	1925	25	3943	21556	96	481	157
May	23	7154	5	2481	28	9635	31491	311	496	344
June	22	3703	4	2585	26	6288	37779	168	646	241
July	21	5884	5	2513	26	8397	46176	280	502	323
August	23	10169	4	1684	27	11853	58029	442	421	439
September	21	5332	4	2075	25	7407	65436	253	518	296
October	22	2921	5	2056	27	4977	70413	132	411	184
Totals, &c.	258	50047	51	20366	309	70413	70413	193	399	227

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.		August Bank Holiday.	
1401	1238		3354	

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
393	1238	578	400	497	1281	426	4813

ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL PARK.

1906-7	86513	1907-8	88921	1908-9	82028	1909-10	106005
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TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUMS.

1906-7	159760	1907-8	164020	1908-9	151305	1909-10	176418
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SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	51	9945	498	10443	204	3923	76
GRENGATE BRANCH.....	52	22230	...	22230	427	4035	77
REGENT ROAD BRANCH.....	52	15190	...	15190	292	3755	72
PENDLETON BRANCH ...	52	5311	59	5370	103	142	2
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	52	7066	593	7659	147	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS ..	52	2858	27	2885	55	...	...
WEASTE BRANCH	52	4530	270	4800	92	60	1
IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH ...	52	4479	1226	5705	109	23	...
LEIOESTER ROAD READING ROOMS	52	2367	1032	3399	65	...	...
Totals.....	...	73976	3705	77681	1494	11938	228

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1894	Blue Bks. {4855} {2109}	1306	6257	...	2701	2667	3319	2697	2795	341	30941
Lending, Peel Park	279	204	203	889	329	692	914	870	732	300	6206	11618
Greengate Branch	265	220	215	1120	...	897	984	740	780	523	4813	10557
Regent Road Branch ...	290	172	256	864	202	552	783	688	688	165	3902	8552
Pendleton Branch	235	158	304	{1045} {6919}	166	638	692	663	640	232	4232	{9005} {6919}
Albert Park Branch	265	146	147	667	136	362	440	413	502	315	4581	7974
Waste Branch	131	116	132	452	...	245	315	263	303	603	2932	5492
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	176	168	164	515	..	278	426	377	286	360	3907	6657
Totals.....	3535	8148	2727	18728	833	6365	7221	7333	6628	5293	30914	97725

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLEST'WN READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEASTE BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLAMS O'TH HEIGHT BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS. (Opened Apr., 1905.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE (Opened Jan., 1890.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1894.)										
1850 to 1889...	2166341	1913983	1639480	1711911	948693	...	...	...	...	...	8380408	1851
1889-90	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	...	...	...	...	...	317585	87523
1890-1	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	...	...	...	...	329598	
1891-2	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	...	...	...	...	407767	1861
1892-3	65924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	...	...	...	...	406126	102449
1893-4	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	...	662	...	...	432728	
1894-5	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	...	3799	...	...	435867	1871
1895-6	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	...	5321	...	...	419951	124801
1896-7	66803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	...	3544	...	...	414791	
1897-8	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	...	6113	...	...	390266	1881
1898-9	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	...	6451	...	...	379007	176235
1899-00	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	...	8621	...	...	374875	
1900-1	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	...	32381	28957	...	443516	1891
1901-2	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	...	49529	55803	...	483418	198139
1902-3	64537	33279	55908	78607	57650	86652	...	57773	57237	...	491643	
1903-4	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	...	62605	57206	...	511612	1901
1904-5	65368	35753	64676	77668	63531	87308	...	67916	64799	...	527219	220957
1905-6	67165	38441	69745	77387	78568	105540	...	83725	74108	...	594679	
1906-7	68464	38435	68373	72220	68496	91149	...	90017	78938	...	576092	
1907-8	64952	39152	68885	78750	68673	89729	...	90825	82915	...	583881	
1908-9	69128	38110	78512	90640	73629	87401	...	91707	84186	...	613313	Present
1909-10	67514	35368	75567	91410	74224	81607	...	97302	82965	...	605957	Estimated.
Totals.....	3,501,177	2,693,019	2,860,982	3,453,468	2,455,121	1,831,127	...	758,291	667,114	...	18,120,299	244636
6,094,196												
Number of Readers in the Reading- Rooms, 1909-10 ..	189,140		243,688	166,043	98,903	106,862	36,232	216,764	146,373	53,481	1,257,486	
Attendance in Rec- itation Rooms, 1909-10 .....	.....		194,430	197,923	97811	...	57,065	31,679	...	60,666	639,574	
Totals.....	189,140		438,118	363,966	196,714	106,862	93,297	248,443	146,373	114,147	1,897,060	

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	SALFORD.	PENDLETON.	BROUGHTON.	MANCHESTER AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	365	215	89	25	20	29	302	88	120	233	386	198	120	39	743	1454
Greengate Branch...	369	168	82	47	23	8	235	179	44	239	423	6	253	15	697	1449
Regent Road Branch	801	263	142	60	38	15	719	243	73	284	1088	220	1	10	1319	2537
Pendleton Branch...	592	244	154	56	27	24	342	182	74	499	10	1056	5	27	1097	2129
Albert Park Branch.	478	247	152	72	68	67	402	108	122	452	13	18	1019	34	1084	2310
Weaste Branch	425	201	192	66	42	48	159	143	149	523	...	974	...	...	974	2369
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	236	184	183	94	71	1	232	62	229	246	1	701	...	67	769	1688
Totals	3266	1522	994	420	289	192	2391	1005	811	2476	1921	3172	1398	192	6683	13936

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES AND READING-ROOMS.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	TOTALS.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Attendance in Recreation Rooms.	Daily Average.
Peel Park	1538	1752	2436	5555	2062	1952	31237	19367	1615	67514	227	297	189140	636	...	...	...
Greengate Branch	332	241	216	524	231	450	7559	18271	3422	31246	102	306	243688	796	...	194430	635
Regent Road Branch	172	222	230	405	381	405	366	23958	872	27011	89	301	166043	551	301	197923	657
Pendleton Branch	138	195	220	208	186	583	337	18467	527	20861	68	304	98993	326	264	97811	370
Albert Park Branch	3	9	15	36	13	18	7144	17495	30	24763	80	306	106862	349	...	...	...
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	306	36232	118	306	57065	186
Weaste Branch	76	141	46	149	154	113	16709	17658	596	35642	116	306	216764	708	294	31679	107
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	120	160	164	636	295	340	1206	25362	678	28961	94	306	146373	478	...	...	...
Leicester Rd. Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	306	53481	174	299	60666	202
Totals	2379	2720	3327	7513	3322	3861	64558	140578	7740	235998	776	...	1257486	4136	...	639574	2157

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and Drama.	Science and Art.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	TOTALS.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park	159	170	281	895	1255	520	856	463	502	30267	35368	120	294
Greengate Branch	60	137	206	887	...	360	925	370	3387	37989	44321	147	301
Regent Road Branch	208	189	316	1468	612	1431	1860	689	1969	55657	64399	210	301
Pendleton Branch	128	175	413	1330	1001	520	890	427	1599	46880	53363	181	294
Albert Park Branch	263	175	300	911	1186	581	1189	735	1953	49551	58844	188	301
Weaste Branch	223	193	307	1348	...	801	1174	429	3473	53712	61660	204	301
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	231	234	312	1019	...	620	1010	577	2828	47173	54004	180	300
Totals	1272	1273	2135	7858	4054	4833	7904	3690	15711	321229	369959	1230	...

ANALYSIS OF STOCK AND ISSUES OF MUSIC FROM THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

Principal Classes.	PEEL PARK.		REGENT ROAD.		PENDLETON.		ALBERT PARK.		Totals.	
	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, in 1903-10.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, in 1909-10.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, in 1909-10.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, in 1909-10.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues in 1909-10.
Operas	103	623	9	122	32	326	9	198	153	1269
Oratorios.....	42	74	9	29	14	75	10	58	75	236
Pianoforte Albums ...	43	136	102	194	8	254	37	336	190	920
Ditto (Juveniles)	14	62	11	46	8	44	10	146	43	298
Pianoforte Pieces and Songs (combined in one vol.).....	30	68	7	24	20	57	17	138	74	287
Songs	35	106	27	65	20	140	10	46	92	357
Selections, Sonatas, Overtures, &c. ...	41	120	21	67	40	38	29	190	131	415
Violin Albums	16	48	14	15	22	40	12	54	64	157
Organ	11	18	2	50	2	27	2	20	17	115
Totals	335	1255	202	612	166	1001	136	1186	839	4054

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	435	79	Embroiderers	1	3
Agents and Collectors	45	2	Engineers, Civil	3	—
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	416	83	Engineers, Electrical	5	—
Architects and Surveyors	2	—	Engineers, Mechanical	56	—
Artists	4	1	Engravers	11	—
Bakers and Confectioners	16	28	Factory Operatives	43	79
Bath Attendant	1	—	Fancy Box Makers	—	8
Billiard Marker	1	—	Fishmongers and Poulterers	3	—
Blacksmiths and Strikers	11	—	Fitters and Mechanics	78	—
Boiler Makers	3	—	Florists	—	2
Bookbinders	6	8	Folders and Sewers	—	13
Booksellers and Stationers	4	1	Foremen and Forewomen	4	1
Bootmakers and Dealers	13	—	French Polishers	8	2
Bowl Maker	1	—	Furnacemen	7	—
Bricklayers and Masons	15	—	Furriers	—	2
Builders and Contractors	3	—	Gardeners	3	—
Butchers	17	—	Gas Inspectors	3	—
Cap Makers	1	3	Glass Blowers and Cutters	2	—
Caretakers	3	3	Governesses	—	2
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	61	—	Greengrocers	4	—
Carters and Vanmen	37	—	Grocers	40	5
Cashiers	13	1	Hairdressers	24	—
Charwoman	—	1	Hoistman	1	—
Chemists and Druggists	20	—	Housekeepers	—	179
Cigar and Cigarette Makers	—	4	Instrument Makers	4	—
Civil Service Official	1	—	Insurance Inspectors	4	—
Clergymen and Ministers	9	—	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, etc.	102	—
Clogger	1	—	Journalist	1	—
Cloth Stampers	11	2	Knitter	—	1
Coach Builders and Painters	6	—	Labourers and Porters	203	—
Coachmen and Grooms	9	—	Lacquerer	—	1
Coal Merchants	2	—	Lamplighter	1	—
Coal Miners	18	—	Laundresses	—	4
Commercial Travellers	32	—	Library Assistant	1	—
Cooks	1	3	Licensed Victuallers	7	7
Coopers	3	—	Lithographers	2	—
Core Makers	6	—	Machinists	3	70
Corset Maker	—	1	Makers-up and Packers	24	6
Costumiers	—	5	Managers and Manageresses	18	5
Crane Driver	1	—	Manufacturers and Merchants	11	—
Dairymen	6	—	Married	—	556
Dentist	1	—	Midwife	—	1
Designers	6	—	Milliners	—	27
Dispenser of Medicine	—	1	Mission Worker	1	—
Domestic Servants	—	82	Motormen	11	—
Drapers and Haberdashers	4	5	Musicians	11	7
Draughtsmen	19	—	None or Not Stated	79	413
Dress and Mantle Makers	2	78	Nurses	—	16
Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	12	—	Painters and Decorators	31	1
Electricians	35	1	Paper Bag Maker	—	1
			Paper Makers, Rulers, etc.	1	2
			Paper Sorters	—	3
			Pattern Card Makers	6	—

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.—*Continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Pattern Makers	8	—	Stokers	4	—
Pavior	1	—	Storekeepers	5	—
Pawnbrokers	15	—	Students	30	9
Photographers	3	1	Swimming Professor	1	—
Physicians and Surgeons	3	—	Switchmaker	—	1
Picture Frame Makers	—	2	Tailoresses	—	32
Plumbers and Glaziers	17	—	Tailors and Outfitters	21	—
Police Officers	14	—	Tea Packer	—	1
Post Office Employés	31	5	Telephone Operators	2	5
Printers, Compositors, and Feeders	37	12	Timekeepers	3	—
Railway Employés	27	—	Tin Plate Workers	4	—
Rubber Workers	6	1	Tobacconists	4	1
Saddlers and Harness Makers	3	—	Townsmen	13	—
Salesmen and Buyers	55	—	Tram Conductors	12	—
Saleswomen	—	6	Tripe Dresser	1	—
Sanitary Inspectors	4	—	Typists	—	34
Sawyers	3	—	Umbrella Maker	1	—
School Attendance Officers	3	—	Undertaker	1	—
School Children	1232	540	Upholsterers	3	2
Schoolmasters and Mistresses	15	11	Vocalist	—	1
School Teachers	54	165	Waiters and Waitresses	2	22
Sempstress	—	1	Walking-stick Maker	1	—
Ship's Rigger	1	—	Warehousemen and Women	98	18
Shop Assistants	28	55	Watch and Clock Makers	4	—
Shopkeepers	11	13	Waterproof Garment Makers	2	2
Solicitors	2	—	Wheelwrights	4	—
Stevedore	1	—	Wire Drawers	6	—
Stewardess	—	1	Wire Stitcher	—	1
			Wood Turners and Carvers	6	—

Males 3932
 Females..... 2751

Total..... 6683

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, MANDLEY, AND CLAREMONT PARKS.

During the past year the parks have received constant attention, and the necessary alterations and repairs have been carried out.

The trees and shrubs recently planted are starting very well, mainly owing to the rather damp summer, which has again had an unfavourable effect upon the various recreations in the parks, viz., bowling, tennis, &c.

The spring bedding suffered badly from late frosts and strong winds, but the summer bedding has been exceptionally good, and much admired.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received the necessary attention, namely :—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Walness Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Everard Street, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, King Street (The Height), Chapter Square, Regent Square, The Crescent Land, and the Duchy Land (Broad Street), and owing to more efficient control of the above, they are now of greater service to the youth of the Borough.

The most recent works undertaken, namely :—the planting of Regent Square, the improvement and planting of Broad Street, and the equipment of Chapter Square, have all proved to be particularly satisfactory and useful.

BOWLING GREENS.

The bowling greens have been maintained in as good condition as

possible for public bowling greens, and have given pleasure and satisfaction to many thousands of our townspeople. The new bowling green at Peel Park was opened for play by His Worship the Mayor on the 25th of May. The total receipts from the twelve bowling greens during the past year has been £516 8s. 2d., and the number of players 61,969, as against £461 13s. 10d. received, and 55,403 players last year. The bowling greens are situate as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players.
Peel Park (two greens)	75	17	0	....	9,102
Buile Hill (two greens)	97	16	6	....	11,739
Albert Park (two greens)	88	5	0	....	10,590
Ordsall Park (two greens)	82	6	0	....	9,876
Mandley Park (two greens)	89	5	10	....	10,715
Charlestown Recreation Ground	34	17	2	4,183
King Street (The Height)	48	0	8	5,764
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	£516	8	2		61,969
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LAWN TENNIS.

Your Committee regret to report a continued falling off in the use of the tennis courts. Last year there were decreased receipts of £20, and this year a further decrease of £8. There are now twenty-five tennis courts available. The total receipts this year are £101 1s. 4d., and the number of players 12,128, against £108 19s. 4d. received, and 13,076 players last year. The courts are situate as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players.
Peel Park (seven courts)	20	7	8	....	2,446
Buile Hill (eight courts)	31	18	2	....	3,829
Albert Park (five courts)	28	17	10	3,467
Mandley Park (two courts).....	7	12	2	913
Claremont Park (three courts)	12	5	6	1,473
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	£101	1	4		12,128
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MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

The following bands were engaged :—

Salford Police Band.
 Pendleton Old Prize Band.
 Pendleton Public Prize Band.
 Irwell Old Prize Band.
 South Salford Silver Band.
 Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Prize Band.
 Central Hall Prize Band.
 St. Joseph's Boys' Military Band.
 Barnes' Home Industrial School Band.
 Certified Industrial School Band.
 Boys' and Girls' Refuges and Homes Band.
 Salford Military Band (Special).
 Band of the 8th Manchester Regiment (Special).
 Northern Military Band. (Special).
 Royal Army Medical Corps Band. (Special).
 Droylsden Military Band. (Special).

The number of performances given was 70, as against 77 last year.

	£	s.	d.
The total cost of the bands was	349	10	0
Police attendance	5	17	6
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	£355	7	6
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as against £354 6s. 8d. last year.

PEEL PARK COTTAGE WINDOW GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The twenty-ninth annual exhibition was held in Peel Park on July 29th and 30th, and August 1st. The show was again a success in every way, and a source of enjoyment to the many thousands of visitors.

The number of visitors was 25,590, as against 23,800 last year.

The drawing competition, organised for children attending the Borough Schools, was again a very interesting and attractive section. The success of this section is due to the kindly interest taken in the work by the teachers in our schools. There were 1,233 entries in this class, and 100 prizes were awarded.

The exhibition was opened by the Mayoress of Salford (Mrs. Snape), supported by His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the Museum, Libraries and Parks Committee, and a large and representative number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work.

The number of plants sold was 9,542, as against 8,871 last year.

The total value of the prizes awarded was £150, as against £140 last year.

Special prizes were given by the Mayor of the value of £2, by Mrs. C. J. Heywood of £2 2s., and by the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Casartelli) £2. The Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Frankenburg has been won three times by Mr. Joseph Massey, 1 April Street, Hodge Lane, Salford, and now becomes his own property.

GENERALLY.

PEEL PARK.

The walks around the new bowling green and around the lake have been drained with new 6-inch socket pipes, and new hinged grids fixed; 1,550 superficial square yards of asphalte has been laid on these walks.

Two dozen new seats have been fixed round the bowling green.

An avenue of 120 trees has been planted through the centre of the park.

The boundary wall, from Victoria Gates to the Technical School, and the terra cotta Balustrade on the terrace, have been thoroughly repaired and pointed.

BUILE HILL.

A cold greenhouse 60 feet long by 14 feet wide has been reconstructed, and 2,250 superficial square yards of asphalte laid around the tennis courts.

ALBERT PARK.

The whole of the tennis grounds have been drained with 4-inch agricultural pipes.

The boundary wall in Grecian Street has been taken down and rebuilt, and 200 yards of wall 6 feet high pointed.

DAVID LEWIS RECREATION GROKND.

The whole of the wood pavement under the gymnasia has been taken up, and a new pavement laid.

ARLINGTON STREET.

The whole area has been paved with Victoria flags, and a large lamp and seat fixed in the centre.

CHARLESTOWN RECREATION GROUND.

The whole of the wood pavement under the gymnasia has been taken up, and a new pavement laid.

CRESCENT LAND.

From the 16th October, 1909, to 22nd October, 1910, 18,541 loads of rubbish have been tipped, for which £231 15s. 3d. has been received. These receipts are exclusive of the tipping done by the various Departments of the Corporation.

Three hundred yards of river bank has been formed, fenced and painted.

(Signed) ALFRED WORSLEY,
CHAIRMAN.

MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1910-1911.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Phillips, J.P.‡

THE DEPUTY-MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Snape, J.P.

Chairman—Mr. Alderman Worsley, J.P.*

Deputy-Chairman—Mr. Alderman Desquesnes.

Mr. Alderman Frankenburg, J.P.

„ „ Jenkins, J.P.

„ „ Rudman, J.P.†

Mr. Councillor Barker.

„ „ Bescoby.

„ „ Burnley, J.P.

Mr. Councillor Grundy.

„ „ Kettle.

„ „ Lees.

„ „ McDougall.

„ „ Whittle.

„ „ Williamson, R.

‡ Chairman, Museums and Art Galleries Sub-Committee.

* Chairman, Libraries and Reading Rooms Sub-Committee.

† Chairman, Parks and Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES.

BEN. H. MULLEN, M.A.,
CURATOR AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

Annie F. Haynes, *Curator's Clerical Assistant.*

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

Thomas Blease, <i>Head Attendant.</i>	George Ertkamp, <i>Attendant.</i>
James Whitelegg, <i>Senior Attendant.</i>	Frank Longshaw, „
Plumpton Mitcham, <i>Relief Attendant.</i>	
Reginald Palmer, <i>Junior Attendant.</i>	

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL PARK.

J. E. Mather, <i>Attendant.</i>	William Trevor, <i>Attendant.</i>
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PEEL PARK LIBRARIES.

REFERENCE.

Alfred Hobson, *Librarian.*
A. Wadsworth, *Senior Assistant.*
H. Horridge, *Assistant.*
H. Hargreaves, *Assistant.*

LENDING.

Bernard Wallace, *Librarian*
John Bray, *Senior Assistant*
W. E. Jones, *Assistant.*

GREENGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Edward Lord, <i>Librarian.</i>	Thomas Noble, <i>Assistant.</i>
Thomas Peel, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Wm. Hancock, „
A. S. White, <i>Attendant.</i>	

REGENT ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY.

Asa Jackson, <i>Librarian.</i>	S. Cunningham, <i>Assistant.</i>
Enoch Stone, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	C. H. Littler „
T. E. Oldbury, <i>Attendant.</i>	

PENDLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Charles H. Crossley, <i>Librarian.</i>	F. M'Intosh, <i>Assistant.</i>
A. Smith, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Archd. Swindells, „
J. A. Jenkins, <i>Attendant.</i>	

ALBERT PARK BRANCH LIBRARY.

Henry Santon, <i>Librarian.</i>	Alice B. Ingall, <i>Assistant.</i>
Francis Jackson, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Elsie M. Santon „
Dorothy Haynes, <i>Assistant.</i>	

CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS.

Joseph Goulding, *Attendant.*

WEASTE BRANCH LIBRARY.

T. C. T. Smith, <i>Librarian.</i>	John Burgess, <i>Assistant.</i>
J. H. Smith, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	George Preston, „
Joseph Taylor, <i>Evening Attendant.</i>	

IRLAM'S O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH LIBRARY.

H. F. J. Hargreaves, <i>Librarian.</i>	Francis Orr, <i>Assistant</i>
T. H. Barnfield, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Peter Agnew, „
Albert E. Mather, <i>Attendant.</i>	

LEICESTER ROAD READING-ROOMS.

Francis Harl, *Attendant.*

PUBLIC PARKS.

ALFRED WILSHER, SUPERINTENDENT.



COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

SIXTY-THIRD

REPORT

OF THE

MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS
COMMITTEE.

1910-11.

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REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries, and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their Report for the year 1910-11, being the sixty-third report since the inauguration of the Public Library and Museum at Peel Park in 1849.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

Much work has been done in overhauling and rearranging some of the collections, notably in the Ethnographical and Prehistoric Archæological sections.

The oil-paintings have been maintained in good condition.

The picture frames have been cleaned and sized, which do not only improve the appearance of the galleries, but will considerably prolong the life of the expensive gilding.

During the year the following oil-paintings have been lent on two occasions from the Salford Art Galleries. On the first occasion to the Burnley Corporation for exhibition at Towneley Hall, and on the second to the Blackpool Corporation for exhibition in the new Grundy Art Gallery, in which gallery they at present hang, namely:—*A Volunteer for the Lifeboat*, by Mrs. Webb-Robinson, and the *Return of the Lance-Fishers*, by Hamilton Macallum.

Your Committee are deeply indebted to Sir George William Agnew, Bart., M.P., and to Mrs. Whitehead, of Rheola, Hawthorn Lane, Wilmslow, who have each presented two charming oil-paintings.

Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode have reproduced, on post-cards, several of the pictures in the galleries. For this privilege, your Committee receive from them a royalty on their net total sales.

The wood floors of Rooms F and G have been topped with *Terradura*, and has considerably improved the appearance of the rooms.

The loan collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum has been changed. The new loan comprises the following : Chinese porcelain, embroideries and lace, woodwork and ironwork.

The Worshipful the Mayor (Alderman Phillips, J.P.) and the Curator and Chief Librarian attended the Annual Museums Conference, held at Brighton, and submitted to your Committee a joint report of the papers and proceedings.

In accordance with a resolution of your Committee of 22nd August last, The Worshipful the Mayor and the Curator and Chief Librarian visited the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, and made a selection of objects of the approximate value of £150. It is hoped that the Board of Education, with their usual kindness, will provide one-half the cost of purchase. The following is an epitome of the articles selected, viz :—

1. Collection of reproductions or original examples of English, Irish, Venetian, Moorish, German, &c., glass.

2. Coloured casts of wood-carvings, English, German, French, Flemish, &c., 14th to 18th century.

3. Reproductions of paintings by Old Masters.

4. Examples of gold and silversmiths' work, English, French, Dutch, Spanish, Italian, German, 14th to 18th century.

During the year five organised visits were paid by school classes, numbering in all 227 scholars.

Your Committee record, with extreme regret, the death, on 3rd December, 1910, of Mr. Thomas Blease, for upwards of 56 years a loyal and dutiful servant.

DONATIONS.

Agnew, Sir George William, Bart., M.P.—

Two oil-paintings.

British School of Archæology in Egypt—

Stone, sculptured in hieroglyphics, with the cartouche of
Rameses II., XIXth dynasty.

String of beads, with large amulets, from Hawara, XIXth
dynasty.

String of shell blue beads, from Hawara, XVIIIth dynasty.

String of blue beads, from Mayghunch, XVIIIth dynasty.

String of red beads, with amulet, from Mayghunch, XVIIIth
dynasty.

Doherty, J. W., Esq.—

Cash basket, from Katcha, Northern Nigeria.

Gikunoo, B.A., Esq.—

“Water-cooler,” made at Kapandu, Togoland.

Goodall, Frank, Esq.—

Three Andamanese arrows.

Higson, Councillor James, J.P.—

Ten full-plate photo-negatives of interior and exterior views of
the Museum and Libraries, Peel Park.

McCarthy, J. W., Esq.—

Pottery vessel, highly coloured, from Rabba, Northern Nigeria.
Arrived smashed.

Ridyard, Arnold, Esq.—

Photograph of a woman working at a loom at Aqueta, West
Africa.

Ten pieces of black pottery, from Oblogo, Gold Coast.

Whitehead, Mrs.—

Two oil-paintings.

PURCHASES.

Electrotypes of silversmiths' work : FLAGON, silver-gilt ; REGALIA, Tower of London, *English*, 1670 ; STAFF-HEAD of Clothworkers' Company, *English*, 1694 ; CHALICE, silver-gilt, *Russian*, 1627.

Ethnographical specimens from South America.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL PARK.

During the year, much work of an educational character has been done at this museum, many important groups having been brought together and set up. The museum is gradually growing in importance, and is visited in large numbers by students and others who take more than a passing interest in the collections.

Your Committee have under consideration the provision of two new cases in the Room where the special group of the British Marine Diving Birds and that of the Wingless Birds are now exhibited. This would add two important and large groups of British Birds—Game Birds and Herons—and the exhibits would form charming and educational additions to the collections

Over 130 specimens, comprising the section dealing with the Morphology of Plants have been described, and form a very interesting and instructive exhibit.

Labels have been prepared of 221 photographs of British Wayside Flowering Plants and British Grasses, giving in the case of each specimen the popular and scientific names, the sort of locality in which it is likely to be found, and the general colour of the flower in the case of the Flowering Plants.

Mr. Brazenor, the taxidermist, continues to do excellent work, and his numerous gifts are much appreciated by your Committee and the public.

Mr. Wilfrid Jackson, of the Manchester Museum, has been engaged during the year upon the rearrangement of the Conchological Collection, and hopes shortly to complete the work.

During the year, scholars to the number of 1,061 from 14 schools paid organised visits to the museum.

DONATIONS.

Batty, Mrs. Arthur—

(From Montana, U.S.A.):

Golden-eye Duck.

Ivory Wood-pecker.

Magpies, two.

Sharp-tailed Grouse.

Yellow Icterus.

Brazenor, H., Esq.—

African Mongoose.

Arctic Tern.

Bar-tailed Godwit.

Black Grouse, two.

Black-tailed Godwit.

Blotched Genet.

British Song Thrush.

British Squirrel.

British Water-voles, two.

Buff-backed Heron.

Capercaillies, three.

Clawless Otter.

Clutch of the young of the
Common Partridge.Clutch of the young of the
Common Pheasant.

Common Heron.

Common Quails, two.

Common Snipe.

Common Stoats, two.

Crested Lark.

Curlew.

Dunlin.

Eggs (two of each) of the Arctic
Tern, Little Tern, and Sand-
wich Tern.Brazenor, H., Esq. (*Continued*)—

English Squirrels, two.

Golden Plovers, two.

Great Wandering Albatros.

Humboldt's Woolly Monkey.

Knots, two.

Lesser Terns, two.

Mallards, two.

Night Heron.

Nilgai.

Partridges, two.

Pheasants, two.

Potamogale Velox.

Reeves' Pheasant (hen).

Sandwich Tern.

South African Pencilled Mun-
goose.

Squacco Heron.

Western Genet.

Whimbrel.

White Stork.

Widgeons, two.

Wild Cat.

Wild Duck.

Wood Mouse.

Johnson, Miss—

Common Mole.

Sefton, T. T., Esq.—

Collection of 180 British Birds
Eggs.

PURCHASED.

Snow Leopard, from Thibet.

LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

With the object of bringing the Reference Library and Technical Institute into closer relationship with each other, lists of recent additions to the Reference Library on the following subjects have been sent to the Principal of the Institute, namely :—Architecture ; Bleaching, Dyeing, and Calico-printing ; Building (including Carpentry and Joinery, Heating, Plumbing, Drainage, Water-supply, &c.) ; Chemistry ; Decorative Arts ; Electricity and Electrical Engineering ; and Engineering : Civil and Mechanical. These lists are hung in the class-rooms of the Institute in which the subjects are taught, and the Principal has very kindly informed the students that the books may be obtained from the Reference Library for perusal in the Reading-room. By this means of co-operation with the Technical Institute, it is hoped to extend the usefulness of the Reference Library in this particular field of its operations.

The following is a selection of the books purchased for the Reference Library during the year :—Benger (Berenger) and Morrah (Herbert Arthur) Highways and Hedges [in England], 1911 ; Beveridge (James) Paper-makers' Pocket-book, 1911 ; Botsford (George Willis) History of the Ancient World, 1911 ; Broxap (Henry) Biography of Thomas Deacon, *The Manchester Non-Juror*, 1911 ; Bruce (C. G.) Twenty Years in the Himalaya, 1910 ; Cannons (H. G. T.) Bibliography of Library Economy, 1876-1909 ; Chignell (Arthur Kent) An Outpost in Papua, 1911 ; Coutts (Henry T.) and Stephen (Geo. A.) Manual of Library Bookbinding : Practical and historical, 1911 ; Denis (Pierre) Brazil, 1911 ; Dennie (John) Rome of To-day and Yesterday, 1910 ; Ditchfield (P. H.) Charm of the English Village, 1908 ; Dreaper (W. P.) Chemistry and Physics of Dyeing, 1906 ; Elliot (G. F. Scott) Chile : Its history and development, natural features, products, commerce and present conditions, 1909 ; Ellis (S. M.) William Harrison Ainsworth and his friends, 2 vols., 1911 ; Encyclopædia Britannica, 11th edition, 29 vols., 1910-11 ; Ennis (William D.) Applied Thermodynamics for Engineers, 1910 ; Farrer (William) and Brownbill (J.) *Eds.* Victoria History of the County of Lancaster, vol. 4, 1911 ; Fea (Allan) Nooks and Corners of Old England, 1907 ; Fowler (H. W. and F. G.) *Eds.* Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English, adapted from the

Oxford Dictionary, 1911 ; Fraps (G. S.) Principles of Dyeing, 1903 ; Godfrey (Walter H.) The English Staircase : An historical account of its characteristic types to the end of the 18th century, 1911 ; Gomes (Edwin H.) Seventeen Years Among the Sea Dyaks of Borneo, 1911 ; Gould (S. Baring-) Cliff Castles and Cave Dwellings of Europe, 1911 ; Grubb (W. Barbrooke) An Unknown People in an Unknown Land : An account of the life and customs of the Lengua Indians of the Paraguayan Chaco, 1911 ; Haggard (H. Rider) Rural Denmark and its Lessons, 1911 ; Harris (Frank) The Man Shakespeare and his Tragic Life-story, 1909 ; Harris (G. Montagu) Problems of Local Government, 1911 ; Harvey (Alfred) Castles and Walled Towns of England, 1911 ; Hedin (Sven) Overland to India, 2 vols., 1910 ; Heylin (Henry Brougham) Cotton Weaver's Handbook, 1908 ; Hichens (Robert) The Holy Land, 1910 ; Hill (Claude W.) Electric Crane Construction, 1911 ; Hobart (H. M.) Dictionary of Electrical Engineering, 2 vols., 1911 ; Holdich (Sir Thomas) Gates of India : An historical narrative, 1910 ; Holland (Bernard) Life of Spencer Compton, *Eighth Duke of Devonshire*, 2 vols., 1911 ; Hourticq (Louis) Art in France, 1911 ; Hurst (George H.) Soaps : A practical manual of the manufacture of domestic, toilet, and other soaps, 1907 ; Hutton (Edward) Cities of Spain, 1909 ; Jago (William and William C.) Technology of Bread-making, 1911 ; Jerrold (Walter) Douglas Jerrold and *Punch*, 1910 ; Jourdain (M.) History of English Secular Embroidery, 1910 ; Kennan (George) Tent-life in Siberia, 1910 ; King (R. A.) Oliver Goldsmith : A biography, 1910 ; Koebel (W. H.) Uruguay, 1911 ; Kretschmar (Carl) Yarn and Warp Sizing in all its Branches, 1911 ; Le Rossignol (J. E.) and Stewart (W. D.) State Socialism in New Zealand, 1911 ; Longford (Joseph H.) The Story of Old Japan, 1910 ; Louisa of Tuscany, *ex-Crown Princess of Saxony*. My Own Story, 1911 ; Lunge (George) *Ed.* Technical Methods of Chemical Analysis, vol. 1, 1908 ; Macfall (Haldane) History of Painting, 3 vols., 1911 ; Mario (Jessie W.) The Birth of Modern Italy (1830-64), 1909 ; Maskell (Henry P.) and Gregory (Edward W.) Old Country Inns, 1910 ; Maspero (Sir Gaston) Egypt : Ancient sites and modern scenes, 1910 ; Masterman (C. F. G.) The Condition of England, 1910 ; Maxwell (Sir Herbert) The Making of Scotland, 1911 ; Nixon (Alfred) and Stagg (J. H.) Accounting and Banking, 1911 ; Palmer (Frederick) Central America and its Problems,

1911 ; Petrie (W. M. F.) *Revolutions of Civilisation*, 1911 ; Polleyn (Friedrich) *Dressings and Finishings for Textile Fabrics*, 1911 ; Prichard (H. Hesketh) *Hunting Camps in Wood and Wilderness*, 1910 ; Robertson (Eric) *Wordsworthshire : An introduction to a poet's country*, 1911 ; Rosebery (Archibald Philip Primrose, *5th Earl of*) *Chatham : His early life and connections*, 1910 ; Routledge (W. Scoresby and Katherine) *With a Pre-historic People : The Akikúyu of British East Africa*, 1910 ; Sidgwick (Nevil Vincent) *Organic Chemistry of Nitrogen*, 1910 ; Singleton (Esther) *The Story of the White House*, 2 vols., 1908 ; Sladen (Douglas) *Oriental Cairo : The city of the Arabian Nights*, 1911 ; Snell (F. J.) *The Customs of Old England*, 1911 ; Spargo (John) *The Bitter Cry of the Children*, 1906 ; Taylor (G. R. Stirling) *Historical Guide to London*, 1911 ; Thomas (Edward) *Richard Jefferies : His life and work*, 1909 ; Townley (Houghton) *English Woodlands and their Story*, 1910 ; Trevelyan (George Macaulay) *Garibaldi and the making of Italy*, 1911 ; Viaud (Louis M. J., *Pierre Loti*) *Egypt*, 1909 ; Ward (H. J. B.) *Mysterious Morocco, and How to Appreciate it*, 1911 ; Ward (John) *Romano-British Buildings and Earthworks*, 1911 ; Warre (Sir William) *Letters from the Peninsula, 1808-12*, 1909 ; Watson (Sir Charles M.) *Life of Major-General Sir Charles William Wilson*, 1909 ; Webb (Sidney and Beatrice) *Prevention of Destitution*, 1911 ; Webster's *New International Dictionary*, 2 vols., 1911 ; Weigall (A. E. P. B.) *The Treasury of Ancient Egypt*, 1911 ; Werner (A.) *New Ideas on Inorganic Chemistry*, 1911 ; Williams (Harold) *Two Centuries of the English Novel*, 1911 ; Willson (Beckles) *Nova Scotia : The province that has been passed by*, 1911 ; Wood (Sir Henry Trueman) *Industrial England in the Middle of the 18th Century*, 1910.

In the selection of books for the lending libraries, much time and care have been expended, as it is the desire of the Committee to acquire only healthy and wholesome literature for the people.

The following table shows an appreciable increase in the number of books purchased, both replacements and new, as compared with last year, viz. :—

Libraries.	Replacements.		New.		Totals.	
	1909-10.	1910-11.	1909-10.	1910-11.	1909-10.	1910-11.
Reference, Peel Park ...	..	..	438	470	438	470
Lending, Peel Park ...	132	146	198	306	330	452
Greengate Branch	74	143	208	395	282	538
Regent Road Branch ..	126	257	184	275	310	532
Pendleton Branch	78	186	175	252	253	438
Albert Park Branch ...	191	427	154	195	345	622
Weaste Branch.....	43	49	257	494	300	543
The Height Branch....	78	149	199	353	277	502
	722	1,357	1,813	2,740	2,535	4,097

A liberal supply of magazines, periodicals, and newspapers has been maintained at the various reading-rooms.

Beautifying and all necessary repairs have been effected at the Greengate, Regent Road, Pendleton, and Irlams-o'-th'-Height Branch Libraries ; and at Charlestown Reading-rooms.

All the donations have been duly acknowledged, and the best thanks of the Committee accorded to the donors. The Committee would welcome gifts of records relating to the early history of the Borough. These would be preserved in the Reference Library with the greatest care and attention.

There have been no important changes in the methods of administration or in the personnel of the staff.

With the exception of an increase in the number of books issued in the reading rooms, there have been decreases in the issues of books for home reading and in the attendances at the reading and recreation rooms, as the following comparisons will show :—Issues of books for home reading, 345,629 ; last year, 369,959. Issues of books in the reading rooms, 239,010 ; last year, 235,998. Attendance at the reading rooms, 1,191,705 ; last year, 1,257,486. Attendance at the recreation rooms, 534,951 ; last year, 639,574. This temporary falling away, in numbers, however, might safely be attributed to the exceptionally fine summer.

The following statement will doubtless be of interest :—

Lending Library.	No. of Volumes.	No. of Borrowers.	No. of Issues.	Turn- over.	Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	11,761	1,358	31,248	2·6	23·0
Greengate Branch	10,727	1,223	40,306	3·7	32·9
Regent Road Branch ..	8,776	2,319	54,582	6·2	23·5
Pendleton Branch	8,347	2,207	54,558	6·5	24·7
Albert Park Branch	7,677	2,123	54,112	7·0	25·4
Weaste Branch.....	5,954	1,754	59,235	9·9	33·7
The Height Branch....	7,027	1,700	51,588	7·3	30·3
Totals	60,269	12,684	345,629	..	..
Averages	8,609	1,812	49,375	6·1	27·6

The Sunday attendance at the reading rooms, 71,842, shows a decrease of 5,839 compared with last year, which was 77,681. The lowest average attendance, 53, is recorded at the Charlestown Reading Rooms, and the highest, 437, at the Greengate Branch.

The number of juvenile borrowers of books for use in their homes is shown in the subjoined statement. Although there has been a slight diminution in the number of borrowers as compared with last year, the average issues per borrower has risen from 18·0 last year to 19·5 this year.

Number of Borrowers under 14 years of age, and Issues of Books for Home Reading :—

Lending Libraries.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Issues.	Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	202 ..	24 ..	226 ..	2,690 ..	11·9
Greengate Branch	219 ..	64 ..	283 ..	5,108 ..	18·0
Regent Road Branch .	635 ..	266 ..	901 ..	15,722 ..	17·4
Pendleton Branch	397 ..	138 ..	535 ..	6,534 ..	12·2
Albert Park Branch ...	235 ..	163 ..	398 ..	5,684 ..	14·2
Weaste Branch.....	132 ..	111 ..	243 ..	7,615 ..	31·3
The Height Branch...	111 ..	82 ..	193 ..	6,168 ..	31·9
Totals	1,931 ..	848 ..	2,779 ..	49,521 ..	..
Averages	275 ..	121 ..	397 ..	7,074 ..	19·5
Totals—1909-10 .	2,124 ..	1,026 ..	3,150 ..	55,263 ..	..

The following abstract from the tabulated returns shows at a glance the use that members of the public have made of the institutions under the control of your Committee.

Abstract from Tabulated Returns.

1. Number of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries, Peel Park	61,941
2. Number of Visitors to the Natural History Museum, Buile Hill Park	81,246
3. Number of Issues of Books for Home Reading.....	345,629
4. Number of Issues of Books for use in the Reading Rooms..	239,010
5. Number of Readers in the News Rooms	1,191,705
6. Number of Persons in Recreation Rooms	534,951
Total.....	2,454,482

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1910-11.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants and Auditors, Society of Incorporated.....	1
Booth, Bramwell, Esq.....	1
British Association for the Advancement of Science.....	1
British Museum, Trustees of the	12
Chalmers, R. W., Esq.....	1
Chartered Institute of Secretaries	1
City and Guilds of London Institute.....	2
Co-operative Union, Limited, Manchester	1
Dublin University	3
Durham University	1
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published)	
Hazelhurst, John, Esq.	1
International Arbitration League.....	1
Kleinschrod, Franz, Esq.	1
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes.....	3
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, and Reports from the following :—Aberdeen, Accrington, Altrincham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bod-	

leian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Carnegie Institute (Pittsburg, U.S.A.), Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate Foundation, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Falmouth, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Handsworth, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Maidstone, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Nicholson Institute (Leek), Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Paisley, Perthshire, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherhithe, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shakespeare Memorial Library (Stratford-upon-Avon), Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, South Shields, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, York.

Lockett, Rev. H. D., M.A.	2
London, The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of.....	1
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews.	3
Macmillan, Messrs., & Co., Ltd.	2
Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society.....	1
Manchester Corporation.....	15
Manchester Geological and Mining Society—Transactions.	

Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society—Memoirs and
Proceedings.

Manchester Museum	2
Manchester Statistical Society—Transactions.	
Marks and Clerk, Messrs.....	1
Marsden, Victor E., Esq., M.A.....	1
Melbourne, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics..	1
National Museum of Science and Art, Dublin.....	9
National Union of Teachers	1
Patent Office Publications	189
Paton, Messrs. J. and J.....	1

Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are
presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors :—

Abolitionist, Accountant, Agricultural Economist, All
the World, Animals' Friend, Anti-Suffrage Review,
Arbitrator, Awake, Bible Advocate, Blackpool Herald,
Blackpool Times, Board of Trade Journal, British Col-
umbia Magazine, British Machinist and Patents,
British News of Canada, Canada, Canadian Gazette,
Cassier's Magazine, Catholic Federationist, Catholic
Times, Child's Guardian, Church Missionary Intelli-
gencer, Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Civil
Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Clark's
Educator, The Clerk, Clerks of Works' Journal, Con-
tractor's Record and Municipal Engineering, Cook's
Traveller's Gazette, Co-operative News, Cottager and
Artizan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Draper, Drapers'
Record, Educational Times, Electrician, The Feder-
ationist, Forester's Miscellany, Free Russia, Free
Trader, Garden City, Grices' Monthly Journal for Power
Users and Engineers, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the
Golden Age, Homœopathic Review, I.C.S. Student,
India, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Liberal Monthly,
Liberator, Local Government Chronicle, Local Govern-
ment Journal, L.G.O. (Local Government Officer and

Contractor), London Argus, Machinery Market, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Midland Counties Herald, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Navy League Journal, Peace-Maker, Personal Rights Journal, Poor-Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Present Truth, Printers' Engineer, Property List, Representation, The Secretary, Shop Assistant, Socialist Standard, Standard of Empire, State Correspondent, Tariff Reform Notes, Theosophist, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, White Ribbon, Women's Industrial News, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued): Caledonian; Cambrian; Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford; Great Central; Great Eastern; Great Northern; Great Northern (Ireland); Great Southern and Western (Ireland); Great Western; Lancashire and Yorkshire; London and North Western; London Chatham, and Dover; Midland; Midland Great Western (Ireland); North British; North Eastern; South Eastern.

Research Defence Society	1
Royal Dublin Society—Transactions and Proceedings.	
Royal Geographical Society.....	2
Royal Hungarian State Railways, The Honourable Direction of	1
Royal Insurance Co. Ltd.	1
Royal National Life-Boat Institution	1
Royal Society—Proceedings.	
Royal University of Ireland	1
Salford Board of Guardians	2
Salford Corporation	42
Salford Royal Hospital, <i>per</i> Board of Management.....	1
Sharpe, Miss E.	7
Shone, William, Esq.	1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington	8
Steel, Richard, Esq.	1

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Stubbs Publishing Co., Messrs.....	1
Swedenborg Society	1
Union Defence League.....	2
United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values.....	28
University Tutorial Press, London.....	1
Vincent, R., Esq.	1
Westley, Rev. W. Arthur, B.A.	1

MUSEUMS, PEEL PARK AND BUILE HILL PARK.

(See Remarks column, 1906.)

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1850-1911.

Year ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850-70	10446477	4963	2104	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades.
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	Local Artists' Exhibition. Langworthy. Gallery opened.
1879	381000	260	1465	
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's <i>Balaclava</i> .
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum. &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings, &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	Loan of Art Objects, S. K. M.
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
†1896	132021	285	463	Scandinavian Art, &c., loan, S. K. M.
1897	149812	317	472	Collection of Art Objects, S. K. M.
1898	151058	313	482	Loan, Enamels, Bronzes, Wedgwood Ware, &c.
1899	128332	306	419	Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings.
1900	132737	310	428	Exhibition Water-colour Drawings, &c.
1901	136234	307	443	Additions to Art Collections.
1902	173680	311	558	Exhibitions: Paintings, Photographs.
1903	153721	311	494	Exhibitions: Embroideries, Water-colours.
1904	141586	312	453	Additions to Art Collections.
1905	125862	311	404	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. M.
1906	110052	313	351	<i>Nat. Hist. Colns. transferred to Buile Hill.</i>
1907	159760	308	518	Loans: Pictures and Pottery Figures.
1908	164020	309	530	Additions to Art Collections.
1909	151305	311	486	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. Museum.
1910	176418	309	570	
1911	143187	309	463	
62 Years	22,319,546	16,343	1,365	

* Registering turnstiles first erected.

† First permanently on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK, 1910-1911.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November.....	22	1167	4	434	26	1601	1601	53	108	61
December.....	22	1226	3	303	25	1529	3130	55	101	61
January.....	22	1496	5	947	27	2443	5573	68	189	90
February.....	17	2496	3	1225	20	3721	9294	146	408	186
March.....	22	2730	4	1867	26	4597	13891	124	466	176
April.....	21	3762	5	2466	26	6228	20119	179	493	239
May.....	23	3222	4	2269	27	5491	25610	140	567	203
June.....	22	6993	4	2336	26	9329	34939	317	584	358
July.....	22	4568	5	2831	27	7399	42338	207	566	274
August.....	23	8575	4	1368	27	9943	52281	372	342	368
September.....	21	3828	4	1953	25	5781	58062	182	488	231
October.....	22	2128	5	1751	27	3879	61941	96	350	143
Totals, &c. ...	259	42191	50	19750	309	61941	61941	162	395	200

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.	August Bank Holiday.
1196	1051	3032

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
556	1051	449	363	416	842	721	4398

ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL PARK.

1906-7.....86613	1907-8.....88921	1908-9.....82028	1909-10 .106005	1910-11.....81246
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TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUMS.

1906-7.....159760	1907-8...164020	1908-9...151305	1909-10...176418	1910-11...143187
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SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals.	Averages per Sunday.	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	49	8650	577	9227	188	3740	76
GRENGATE BRANCH	50	21872	..	21872	437	3884	77
REGENT ROAD BRANCH	50	12287	..	12287	245	3317	65
PENDLETON BRANCH	50	5830	49	5879	117	174	3
ALBERT PARK BRANCH	50	6774	569	7343	146	..	..
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS ...	49	2539	68	2607	53	..	..
WEASTE BRANCH	50	3669	182	3851	77	46	..
IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH	50	4573	1155	5728	114	14	..
LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS...	50	2101	947	3048	60	..	..
Totals .....	..	68295	3547	71842	1437	11175	221

† This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Musie.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	TOTALS.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1901	^{Blue Books} {4780} {2140}	1313	6423	..	2770	2690	3376	2734	2839	341	31307
Lending, Peel Park	283	218	208	910	350	722	923	884	749	149	6365	11761
Greengate Branch	270	230	221	1145	..	908	1006	754	797	516	4880	10727
Regent Road Branch	294	182	254	869	225	566	801	695	692	116	4082	8776
Pendleton Branch	228	163	294	{944} {7051}	180	533	682	648	624	223	3828	{8347} {7051}
Albert Park Branch	269	150	147	672	158	377	453	417	510	279	4245	7677
Weaste Branch	148	141	135	479	..	277	330	281	334	632	3197	5954
Irlams o' th' Height Branch .	183	179	169	541	77	302	437	392	297	386	4064	7027
Totals	3576	8183	2741	19034	990	6455	7322	7447	6737	5140	31002	98627

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK.		GREYINGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLESTON READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEASTON BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLANDS OUTH HEIGHT BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	LEICESTER ROAD READING- ROOMS. (Opened Apr., 1905.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1886.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1884.)										
1850 to 1889..	2166341	1913983	1639480	1711911	948693	..	..	..	..	..	8380408	1851
1889-90.....	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	..	..	..	..	..	317585	87523
1890-1.....	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	..	..	..	..	329598	1861
1891-2.....	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	..	..	..	..	407767	102449
1892-3.....	63924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	..	..	..	..	406126	1871
1893-4.....	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	662	..	..	..	432728	124801
1894-5.....	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	..	..	..	..	435867	1881
1895-6.....	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	..	..	..	..	419951	176235
1896-7.....	66803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	..	..	..	..	414791	1891
1897-8.....	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	..	..	..	..	390266	1881
1898-9.....	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	..	..	..	..	379007	176235
1899-00.....	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	..	..	..	..	374875	1891
1900-1.....	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	..	..	..	..	443516	198139
1901-2.....	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	8621	..	..	..	491643	1901
1902-3.....	64537	33279	55908	78007	57650	86652	..	..	..	..	527219	220957
1903-4.....	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	..	..	..	..	511612	1901
1904-5.....	65568	35753	64676	77668	63531	87308	..	..	..	..	594679	1911
1905-6.....	67165	38441	69745	77387	78568	105540	..	..	..	..	576092	1911
1906-7.....	68464	38435	68373	72220	68496	91149	..	..	..	..	583881	241346
1907-8.....	64952	39152	68885	78750	68673	89729	..	..	..	..	613313	241346
1908-9.....	69128	38110	78512	90640	73629	87401	..	..	..	..	605957	241346
1909-10.....	67514	35368	75567	91410	74224	81607	..	..	..	..	584639	241346
1910-11.....	68569	31248	71313	79744	79989	78636	..	..	..	..	584639	241346
Totals	3,569,746	2,624,267	2,932,295	3,533,212	2,535,110	1,909,763	..	853,258	747,287	..	18,704,938	..
6,194,013												
Number of Readers in the Reading Rooms, 1910-11..	191,629		235,556	153,502	102,287	97,999	29,956	206,609	124,197	49,970	1,191,705	..
Attendance in Rec- reation Rooms, 1910-11 .....	....		159,873	152,088	88,523	..	46,007	26,511	..	61,949	534,951	..
Totals	191,629		395,429	305,590	190,810	97,999	75,963	233,120	124,197	111,919	1,726,656	..

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	SALFORD.	PENDLETON.	BROUGHTON.	MANCHESTER AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	269	200	64	32	26	20	200	83	110	218	336	176	72	27	611	1358
Greengate Branch	242	147	66	38	26	6	160	134	43	188	324	5	180	16	525	1223
Regent Road Branch ..	538	222	131	62	45	6	460	203	77	264	822	177	..	5	1004	2319
Pendleton Branch	601	251	135	52	35	36	350	191	87	482	14	1082	7	7	1110	2207
Albert Park Branch ...	448	246	131	61	62	91	379	79	98	483	6	11	985	37	1039	2123
Weaste Branch	396	215	152	53	46	51	163	125	106	519	76	837	..	..	913	1754
Irlands o' th' Height Branch.	274	256	194	99	76	13	211	51	326	324	..	826	..	86	912	1700
Totals	2768	1537	873	397	316	223	1923	866	847	2478	1578	3114	1244	178	6114	12681

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES AND READING-ROOMS.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	TOTALS.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Attendance in Recreation Rooms.	Daily Average.
Peel Park	1446	1703	2349	5967	2189	1994	31601	19645	1675	68569	228	300	191629	638	..	..	..
Greengate Branch	327	224	193	598	272	521	7707	17923	3242	31007	101	307	235556	767	301	159873	531
Regent Road Branch	169	201	201	251	284	243	248	23073	492	25162	86	293	153502	523	293	152088	519
Pendleton Branch	127	136	149	160	177	518	193	23585	386	25431	83	304	102287	336	304	88523	291
Albert Park Branch	11	9	2	29	14	12	7110	17294	43	24524	80	306	97999	320	..	..	..
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	304	29956	98	304	46007	151
Waste Branch	77	142	61	170	184	163	10507	17496	932	35732	116	306	206609	675	300	26511	88
Irlams o' th' Height Branch	137	155	326	626	475	523	995	24752	596	28585	95	299	124197	415	..	..	..
Leicester Rd. Read'g-Rooms .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	306	49970	163	306	61949	202
Totals	2294	2570	3281	7801	3595	3974	64361	143768	7366	239010	789	..	1191705	3935	..	534951	1782

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	TOTALS.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park	97	149	210	1053	1302	673	462	571	383	26348	31248	108	289
Greengate Branch	85	160	139	922	..	242	748	523	5555	31932	40306	133	302
Regent Road Branch	191	149	293	812	341	979	1250	527	1641	48399	54582	186	293
Pendleton Branch	185	167	273	1271	934	654	917	423	1721	48013	54558	181	300
Albert Park Branch	278	169	343	988	1002	660	1204	741	2138	46589	54112	179	301
Waste Branch	252	295	361	1269	..	755	1275	518	3276	51234	59235	196	301
Irlams o' th' Height Branch	207	199	284	1062	716	642	858	426	3016	44178	51588	173	297
Totals	1295	1288	1903	7377	4295	4605	6714	3729	17730	296693	345629	1156	..

ANALYSIS OF STOCK AND ISSUES OF MUSIC FROM THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

Principal Classes.	PEEL PARK.		RECENT ROAD		PENDLETON.		ALBERT PARK.		IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT.		TOTALS.	
	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1910-11	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1910-11	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1910-11	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1910-11	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1910-11	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1910-11
Operas.....	103	645	9	38	32	325	9	177	28	405	181	1590
Oratorios	42	70	9	2	14	64	10	27	7	23	82	186
Pianoforte Albums	43	137	105	96	8	240	47	339	14	114	217	926
Ditto (Juveniles)	14	59	11	27	8	31	10	88	..	..	43	205
Pianoforte Pieces and Songs (combined in one vol.) ...	31	76	10	6	23	45	17	87	3	33	84	247
Songs.....	46	116	39	28	31	170	22	57	21	126	159	497
Selections, Sonatas, Over- tures, &c.	44	136	26	103	48	30	29	148	..	..	147	417
Violin Albums	16	43	14	16	14	24	12	70	..	..	56	153
Organ	11	20	2	25	2	5	2	9	4	11	21	70
Totals	350	1302	225	341	180	934	158	1002	77	712	990	4291

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	392	71	Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	18	..
Agents and Collectors	55	..	Electricians	44	..
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	348	74	Embroiderers .....	..	3
Architects and Surveyors...	3	..	Engineers, Civil	21	..
Artists	2	2	Engineers, Electrical.....	2	..
Bakers and Confectioners...	16	20	Engineers, Mechanical	44	..
Basket Maker.....	1	..	Engravers	13	..
Bath Attendant	1	..	Factory Operatives.....	39	98
Billiard Markers	2	..	Fancy Box Makers.....	..	5
Bioscope Operator	1	..	Farrier.....	1	..
Blacksmiths and Strikers...	8	..	Fishmongers and Poulterers..	3	..
Boiler Makers.....	3	..	Fitters and Mechanics.....	65	..
Bookbinders	2	3	Florists .....	..	4
Bookseller and Stationer....	1	..	Folders and Sewers .....	..	5
Bootmakers and Dealers....	6	1	Foremen and Forewomen...	7	6
Brewer	1	..	French Polishers	7	1
Bricklayers and Masons	28	..	Furnacemen	4	..
Brushmaker	1	..	Furrier	1	..
Builders and Contractors ...	2	..	Gardeners	5	..
Butchers	30	..	Gas Inspectors	8	..
Cable Maker	1	..	Glass Blower.....	1	..
Cap Makers	1	5	Greengrocers	3	..
Caretakers	8	2	Grocers	26	1
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers.....	60	..	Hatter	1	..
Carpet Maker	1	..	Hairdressers	9	..
Carters, Vanmen, &c.	16	..	Hawker	1	..
Cashiers.....	11	2	Hoistman	1	..
Chemists and Druggists ...	25	..	Housekeepers .....	..	197
Chimney Sweeper	1	..	Instrument Makers	4	..
Cigar and Cigarette Makers..	3	4	Insurance Inspectors.....	9	..
Civil Service Official.....	1	..	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, &c.....	98	..
Clergymen and Ministers...	5	..	Ironmonger	1	..
Cloth Stampers	7	2	Journalists	4	..
Coach Builder	1	..	Knitter .....	..	1
Coachmen and Grooms	2	..	Labourers and Porters	161	..
Coal Merchant	1	..	Ladies' Companions .....	..	8
Coal Miners.....	26	..	Lamplighters	3	..
Commercial Travellers.....	41	..	Laundresses .....	..	8
Cooks.....	1	7	Licensed Victuallers	10	1
Coopers	3	..	Lithographers	6	..
Core Makers	2	..	Machinists	5	126
Corset Maker .....	..	1	Makers-up and Packers.....	24	8
Costumiers .....	..	3	Managers and Manageress ..	21	1
Cycle Maker	1	..	Manufacturers and Merchants	9	..
Dairyman	1	..	Married .....	..	634
Dentists	3	..	Midwife .....	..	1
Designers	9	..	Millers	2	..
Domestic Servants.....	..	71	Milliners .....	..	29
Drapers and Haberdashers..	1	5	Mission Worker .....	..	1
Draughtsmen	24	..	Motormen	7	..
Dress and Mantle Makers...	1	60	Musicians	9	6
			None or Not Stated.....	82	363

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS—*continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Nurses ..	17		Seaman ..	1	..
Organ Builder ..	1	..	Secretaries ..	3	..
Packing-case Makers ..	2	..	Sempstresses ..	..	4
Painters and Decorators ..	35	..	Shop Assistants ..	19	44
Paper Bag Makers ..	..	5	Shopkeepers ..	17	11
Paper Makers, Rulers, &c... 6	3		Solicitors ..	3	..
Paper Sorters ..	..	3	Stokers ..	3	..
Pattern Card Makers ..	3	1	Storekeepers ..	7	..
Pattern Makers ..	15	..	Students ..	34	14
Pawnbrokers ..	12	..	Tailoresses ..	..	29
Photographers ..	2	1	Tailors and Outfitters ..	21	..
Physicians and Surgeons... 2	..		Telephone Operators ..	4	12
Picture Frame Makers..... 2	..		Timekeepers ..	2	..
Plumbers and Glaziers ..	12	..	Tin Plate Workers ..	8	..
Police Officers..... 8	..		Tobacconists ..	2	2
Post Office Employés ..	16	6	Tram Conductors ..	8	..
Printers, Compositors, and			Tripe Dresser ..	1	..
Feeder ..	38	10	Typists ..	..	62
Railway Employés ..	8	..	Undertaker ..	1	..
Rubber Workers ..	14	3	Upholsterer ..	..	1
Saddlers and Harness Makers 4	..		Velvet Sorters ..	5	..
Salesmen and Buyers..... 37	..		Waiters and Waitresses.... 2	8	
Saleswomen ..	..	7	Walking-stick Maker ..	1	..
Sanitary Inspectors ..	2	..	Warehousemen and Women. 91	13	
Sawyers..... 2	..		Watch and Clock Makers ... 6	..	
School Attendance Officer .. 1	..		Waterproof Garment Makers 4	5	
School Children ..	935	444	Whitesmith ..	1	..
Schoolmasters and Mistresses 11	8		Wire Drawers ..	9	1
School Teachers ..	33	165	Wood Turners and Carvers.. 2	..	

Males	3395
Females.....	2719

Total	<u>6114</u>
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PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, MANDLEY, AND CLAREMONT PARKS.

During the past year the parks have received the necessary attention to repairs, alterations, and general maintenance in such condition as to meet the requirements of the public.

The planting of trees and shrubs continues to receive all the attention possible, and it is regrettable to find that, owing to the past very dry summer, hundreds of trees and shrubs have died.

The spring and summer bedding have both been exceptionally good, and have given much pleasure to visitors.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received the necessary attention, namely :—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Walness Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Everard Street, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, King Street (The Height), Chapter Square, Regent Square, The Crescent Land, and the Duchy Land (Broad Street). It is found that the more constant supervision given to the above considerably adds to their utility.

BOWLING GREENS.

Owing to the unfavourable and long-continued drought during the past summer, considerable difficulty has been experienced in maintaining the greens in a satisfactory condition. But it is pleasing to report there is again an increase in the number of persons who have derived pleasure and recreation from our public park greens. The total receipts from the twelve bowling greens during the past year have been £532 10s. and the number of players 63,900, as against £516 8s. 2d. and the number of players 61,969 last year.

The bowling greens are situate as follows :

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players.
Peel Park (two greens)	80	6	8	....	9,640
Buile Hill (two greens)	101	7	6	....	12,165
Albert Park (two greens)	107	14	4	....	12,926
Ordsall Park (two greens)	68	14	6	....	8,247
Mandley Park (two greens)	96	10	10	....	11,585
Charlestown Recreation Ground	33	14	8	....	4,048
King Street (The Height)	44	1	6	....	5,289
	<hr/> £532 10 0			....	<hr/>63,900

LAWN TENNIS.

It is also satisfactory to report that the tennis courts have been more popular during the past summer, and the total receipts from the twenty-five tennis courts are £121 10s. 10d. and the number of players 14,585, against £101 1s. 4d. and the number of players 12,128 last year.

The courts are situate as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players.
Peel Park (seven courts)	23	16	0	....	2,856
Buile Hill (eight courts)	41	14	10	....	5,009
Albert Park (five courts)	27	1	10	....	3,251
Mandley Park (two courts)	9	6	10	....	1,121
Claremont Park (three courts)	19	11	4	....	2,348
	<hr/> £121 10 10			....	<hr/>14,585

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

The following bands were engaged :—

Salford Police Band.

Salford Tramways Military Band.

Pendleton Old Prize Band.

Pendleton Public Prize Band.

Irwell Old Prize Band.

South Salford Silver Prize Band.

Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Prize Band.

Central Hall Prize Band.

St. Joseph's Boys' Military Band.
 Barnes' Home Industrial School Band.
 Certified Industrial School Band.
 Boys' and Girls' Refuges and Homes Band.
 Droylsden Military Band. (Special.)
 Bolton Military Band. (Special.)
 Northern Military Band. (Special.)

The number of performances given was 68, as against 70 last year.

	£	s.	d.
The total cost of the bands was.....	322	0	0
Police attendance	5	11	8
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	£327	11	8
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as against £355 7s. 6d. last year.

PEEL PARK COTTAGE WINDOW GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The thirtieth annual exhibition was held in Peel Park on August 4th, 5th, and 7th last, and it is very satisfactory to report that the show was a success, and a source of enjoyment to many thousands of visitors.

The fee for admission was, as previously, 2d. for adults and 1d. for children. The total receipts for admission were £121, as against £138 3s. 6d. last year.

The number of visitors was 22,382, as against 25,590 last year.

The slight falling off in the gate receipts and the number of visitors is owing to the Saturday afternoon of the show being very wet.

The drawing competition, organised for the children attending the Borough Schools, was again a very attractive section, and the judges reported that there was an improvement in the quality of the work sent in for competition ; and much credit is due to the teachers in the schools for the excellence of the exhibits. There were 1,036 entries in this class, and 100 prizes were awarded.

The exhibition was opened by the Mayress of Salford (Miss Phillips), supported by His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the Museum,

Libraries, and Parks Committee, the Chairman of the Exhibition Sub-Committee (Alderman S. Rudman), and a large and representative number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work.

The number of plants sold was 9,071, as against 9,542 last year.

The total value of the prizes awarded was £141, as against £150 last year.

Special prizes were given by the Mayor of the value of £2, by Mrs. C. J. Heywood of £2 2s., and by the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Casartelli) £2. Gold medals were given in two classes, and a silver challenge cup, value £25. This cup has now been won three times by James Brown, Esq., J.P., of Longfield, Heaton Mersey, and has now become his property.

GENERALLY.

PEEL PARK.

The large shelter near the greenhouses and the shelter in the men's gymnasia have been stripped and reslated.

The roofs of two greenhouses have been stripped, repaired, and reglazed.

9,000 super. yards of asphalted roadways have been repaired, tarred, and sparred over.

BUILE HILL.

New floors have been put into two of the bedrooms at the Lodge at Eccles Old Road entrance.

2,000 yards of asphalted walks have been tarred and sparred over.

A new boiler has been fixed at the greenhouses.

The gardener's cottage, near the greenhouses, has been adapted for general offices and storeroom.

To extend the floral attraction in the park, a large collection of chrysanthemums has been grown, and opened for public inspection. 10,000 persons visited the display last year.

ALBERT PARK.

The boundary wall on Albert Park Road side has been taken down and rebuilt.

A flight of steps near the Library has been cleared away, and a sloping pathway substituted for the convenience of persons using the park with bath-chairs or perambulators.

104 yards of new six-inch drain has been laid from the urinal near the Library.

A new entrance has been fixed on Albert Park Road side of the park, and 3,000 yards of asphalted walks repaired, tarred, and sparred over.

Permission was granted, on the 13th June, to the Tramways Committee to place a waiting room for tram passengers within the park boundary, at the corner of Great Cheetham Street and Great Clowes Street, this waiting room being a Coronation gift from Mr. Councillor A. Hailwood, J.P., to the Tramways Committee.

ORDSALL PARK.

The gymnasias have been drained and 150 yards of six-inch main drain laid to connect with existing sewer, the apparatus repaired, and eight new see-saws made and fixed.

1,300 super yards of asphalte has been laid, the drains put in order, and 25 new seats made and placed around the bandstand.

Considerable alterations have been made with walks, shrubberies, and drains at the Trafford Road end of the park, owing to the building of a new and large lavatory within the park boundary.

MANDLEY PARK.

1,000 yards of asphalte has been laid on the pathway between George Street and Great Cheetham Street.

The space under the swings, in both boys' and girls' gymnasias, has been paved with wood blocks.

CHARLESTOWN RECREATION GROUND.

The apparatus in the gymnasium has been thoroughly repaired, six additional swings and six see-saws added.

KERSAL MOOR.

Considerable repairs have been done to the fences and seats, and 18 new seats added.

OLDFIELD ROAD.

The whole of the boundary wall has been pointed.

CRESCENT LAND.

From the 24th October, 1910, to 16th October, 1911, 16,883 loads of rubbish have been tipped, for which £211 0s. 9d. has been received, as against 18,541 loads tipped and £231 15s. 3d. receipts last year. These receipts are exclusive of the tipping done by the various Departments of the Corporation.

Two hundred yards of the river bank has been formed, planted, and fenced.

A number of special trees were planted in the various parks, to commemorate the Coronation of King George V., by the following gentlemen :—

At Peel Park by Councillor G. Barker and Councillor S. H. Kettle.

At Buile Hill by the Mayor, Alderman F. S. Phillips, J.P.; the Chairman, Alderman A. Worsley, J.P.; the Deputy Chairman, Alderman E. Desquesnes; and Councillor J. P. McDougall.

At Albert Park by Councillor S. H. Lees and Councillor W. P. Burnley, J.P.

At Ordsall Park by the Chairman of the Parks Sub-Committee, Alderman S. Rudman, J.P.

MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS

1911-12.

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SIXTY-FOURTH

REPORT

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REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their report for the year ending 31st October, 1912, being the sixty-fourth report since the inauguration of the Public Library and Museum in Peel Park.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

The year under review has been one of progress. During the summer months your Committee have been enabled, through the kindness of the owners of paintings by Mr. Stanhope A. Forbes, R.A., to hold a loan exhibition of pictures by that artist, which has been largely visited. The following is a list of the works :—

TITLE.	LENDER.
<i>The Convent, Quimperlé</i>	John Maddocks, Esq.
<i>The Queen's Death : January 22nd,</i> 1901	The Exeter Art Gallery Committee.
<i>The Old Pier Steps</i>	A. Jenkinson, Esq.
<i>The Drinking Place</i>	The Oldham Art Gallery Committee.
<i>Home Along</i>	The Bristol Art Gallery Committee.
<i>A Rescue at Dawn</i>	J. H. Balfour-Browne, Esq., K.C.
<i>Nomads</i>	Sir Harold Elverston, M.P.
<i>The Slip at Newlyn</i>	John L. Laird, Esq.
<i>Chadding in Mount's Bay</i>	The Worcester Art Gallery Committee.
<i>Out into the Dark and the Silence</i> ..	John R. Oliver, Esq.

TITLE.	LENDER.
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	The Brighton Art Gallery Committee.
<i>At their Moorings</i>	The Hull Art Gallery Committee.
<i>The Letter</i>	The Plymouth Art Gallery Committee.

The oil-painting, *After the Deluge*, attributed to Joseph Wolf, was for some months on our walls, having been kindly lent by Mr. A. J. Pennington.

Your Committee have been fortunate in securing, through the co-operation of the officers of the Victoria and Albert Museum, some original pieces of Waterford, Nailsea, Venetian, and Sidonian glass. They have also been enabled to add to the collections two remarkable pieces of Egyptian glass, about 1500 B.C., some fine and rare examples of Phœnician glass amphoræ and alabaster, about 500 B.C., besides a few pieces of early Roman glass. Electrotypes of a Mug and a Sugar Sifter of silver (English), end of 17th century, have been purchased. Several coloured casts of wood-carvings, English, French, German, Flemish, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and Icelandic, of 14th to 18th century, have also been acquired. These, it is anticipated, will be of considerable value to all who take an interest in wood-carving, either as amateur carvers, as tradesmen, or as designers of artistic furniture.

The Board of Education have contributed one-half the cost of purchase of these objects. This is an aid annually rendered, which your Committee greatly appreciate, for without it the Museum and Art Galleries could not possibly hold the advanced position in which they undoubtedly stand among provincial Museums. The kind advice and assistance so readily given on all occasions by the officers of the Board materially add to these obligations, and are gratefully acknowledged.

The collections on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum have been changed, the new loan comprising some Chinese and Japanese bronzes, some Ivories and Casts of Ivories, French and Italian textiles, and European porcelain.

A series of implements and tools has been selected from the Ethnographical Collections to illustrate the origin and development of the Axe and Adze. This series with the descriptive labels form an

interesting object lesson, tracing the evolution of those common implements from Eolithic times to the present day.

Some of the valuable Arundel series of Casts of Carved Ivories in the permanent collections have been mounted, labelled, and framed, and are now on exhibition. There is also in progress some re-arrangement of the exhibits in the Galleries which, when completed, will be recognised to be a considerable improvement in the arrangement of our collections.

Your Committee have had pleasure in assisting other towns by the loan of some of the Salford pictures, as follows: *The Meeting of the Council of the Anti-Corn Law League*, J. R. Herbert, R.A., lent to the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society for the John Bright Centenary; *The Burial of John Hampden*, P. H. Calderon, R.A., and *The Volunteer for the Lifeboat*, Mrs. Webb-Robinson, lent to the Bootle Museum.

During the past year three small rooms have been added to the Museum. The special purpose which it is desired two of them shall fulfil is to excite the interest and arouse the mind of our young people by illustrations of objects in nature, and growth and development in art and manufacture. A beginning has been made which it is hoped may ultimately prove to be of considerable value to young and old alike, and may do something to enable our Museum and art collections to play an increasingly important part in the educational system. There is undoubtedly a great future for such institutions if they can be so utilised, and your Committee are alive to the opportunity that may be realised if they can bring about an increased use of the Museum by teachers and their classes.

As a beginning, some attractive and useful models—Ships, an Indigo Factory, &c.—have been introduced, besides some illustrations, such as those of a Glacier, an Arctic Scene, Siege of a town in the Middle Ages, and the interior of an Ancient Roman House.

A series of specimens, accompanied by full but simple descriptive labels, exhibited in two small cases, affords some lessons about Rocks, what they are, how they are made and how they came to be as we now see them. This forms an attractive introduction to the Geological Collections at the Natural History Museum, and is a type of other groups and series which your Committee hope to add from time to time.

In another case are some Birds illustrating differences in the formation of feet and mandibles, and the adaptation of these various forms to the circumstances and mode of life of the bird.

Some examples of British Butterflies and Moths, showing their life history—egg, larva, chrysalis and imago—are exhibited. With them is the *Bombyx mori*, the best known silk-producing moth, of which the chrysalis is the “silk-worm.”

In the sphere of Art, a series of small casts is shown illustrating the five principal Orders of Architecture, a subject of common interest.

Prize Drawings by children in the Elementary Schools are exhibited in these rooms, and it is hoped that, by the means which are being adopted, the association of the Museums with the Schools of the town will by degrees become materially strengthened.

DONATIONS.

Dickson, E. H. L., Esq.—

Two-faced head, fetish. Gold Coast.

Garstang, Professor, *per* E. Howarth, Esq.—

Several examples of ancient Egyptian pottery; eight from Upper Egypt, pre-dynastic; fourteen from Esna, Upper Egypt, XII. Dynasty, 2778–2565 B.C., and nine from Beni Hasan, Upper Egypt, XXII.–XXV. Dynasty, 952–663 B.C.

Ridyard, Arnold, Esq.—

Earthenware vessel, Loko, Northern Nigeria; series of objects illustrating the process of manufacture of pottery, Oblogo, Accra, Gold Coast; Basket, Bida, Northern Nigeria; 51 Arrows and a Quiver, Kano, Hausaland, Northern Nigeria.

NOTE.—These make a total of 315 specimens, all carefully selected and generously presented to the museum by Mr. Ridyard during recent years.

Lokko, Charles E., Esq., Christianburg, Accra, *per* Arnold Ridyard, Esq.—

House-twig of shredded palm-leaf, Accra, Gold Coast.

Worrall, Messrs. J. and J. M., Ltd.—

A Kafir assegai.

PURCHASES.

The most important additions made by purchase are the following :—

Eleven facsimile reproductions of old VENETIAN GLASS objects.

Oil-painting by H. Calvert, 1855, *The Old Salford 5-wheel Bus*.

Electrotypes : SILVER MUG, *London* hall-mark, 1693-4 ; SUGAR

SIFTER, *London* hall-mark, 1689-90.

JUG and MUG, glass, *Nailsea*, late 18th century.

WINEGLASS, facsimile of, *Venetian*, 17th century.

WINEGLASS, *Waterford*, 18th century.

VASE, amphora-shaped glass, *Phœnician (Sidon)*, about 5th century B.C.

VASE and EWER, glass, *Venetian*, 17th century.

VASES, two small, glass, *Egyptian*, about 1500 B.C.

VASES, four amphora-shaped, glass, *Phœnician*, about 5th century B.C.

ALABASTRA, three, glass, *Phœnician*, about 5th century B.C.

WINE SAUCER, small EWER and three TOILET VASES, glass. *Ancient Roman*.

WOOD-CARVINGS, plaster reproductions, coloured, from original examples selected in the Victoria and Albert Museum, namely, twenty-one English, 15th to 18th century ; four German, 14th to 18th century ; thirteen French, 15th to 18th century ; and some Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Flemish and Icelandic, 16th to 18th century.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL PARK.

At the Natural History Museum, steady progress has been made in the rejuvenation, renewal and strengthening of the collections. The Conchological section has been taken in hand by Mr. J. W. Jackson, one of the Assistant Keepers on the staff of the Manchester Museum, who has sifted the old collection, and set up, arranged and labelled it in accordance with the most recent system of grouping and nomenclature. This section is now one of considerable importance, and should be useful to the student.

Two new large show-cases have been supplied by your Committee for special groups in the Ornithological section. In one is exhibited a collection of British Game Birds. The other is devoted to British Herons. Each group is mounted in a setting suggestive of the natural environment of the birds, and forms a useful and attractive addition to the collections.

The taxidermist has almost completed the model of the North American Bison. This rare and valuable specimen will add much interest to the museum when it is placed on exhibition. During the past year many other specimens of mammals and birds have also been mounted and set up, and most of them have been placed on exhibition.

DONATIONS.

Ashton, James, Esq.—

Skin of West African Python.

Boylin, W. E., Esq.—

Common Grass Snake from Italy, found in Swinton Fields.

Brazenor, H., Esq.—

Common Stoat in winter pelage ; a Monitor ; Moor Hen, male and female ; Pheasant, male ; Brent Goose ; Bernacle Goose ; White-fronted Goose ; Jack Snipe, male and female ; Lesser Black-backed Gull, immature ; Wandering Albatros.

Kelsall Bros., Messrs.—

Porbeagle Shark.

Marsden, Mrs.—

Hinged Tortoise.

Lachlan, C., Esq.—

Globe Fish (Diadon).

Parks Sub-Committee *per* A. Wilsher, Esq.—

Canada Goose ; Mute Swan.

Smith, H., Esq.—

Common Red-Shank in summer plumage ; pair of adult Weasels.

Vernon, H., Esq.—

Two Dragon-fish.

PURCHASES.

British Trees, Examples of details of various.

Liliaceæ, Typical examples of Natural Order.

Wind Pollination, Specimens illustrating.

Plant Morphology, Specimens illustrating.

MUSEUMS : GENERAL.

As each year passes, the aim of your Committee becomes increasingly realised of making both the Museum and Art Galleries and the Natural History Museum of greater educational utility to the community. Your Committee have long considered that a museum should not be either a collection of curiosities to awaken mere wonder among the thoughtless, nor yet a repository simply for the storage of interesting or valuable objects ; but they are assured that it should have a higher function, a loftier purpose. And so, guided by these considerations, they have for many years proceeded on definite lines of policy, and each year they become more impressed with their soundness. By the judicious selection of objects which illustrate and embody the higher branches of knowledge, lying beyond effective reach of the school, and by bringing together such objects as may be co-ordinated in groups, throwing and reflecting light one upon another, they avoid the merely curious and worthless. By the generous employment of the descriptive label, written in simple language, they try to bring these objects within reach of the mass of visitors who, as a rule, lack technical knowledge. And by the adoption of sound methods of classification and exhibition of the selected objects, in accordance with advanced museum principles, they try to impart to the collections that subtle quality without which they cannot attract the serious attention which a visitor is always ready to give to a museum that is manifestly well cared for.

The object of museums, your Committee do not forget, should be to express and convey knowledge, and to guide and interest the public in natural history, in art, and in the history of art and of human development and progress. In craftsmanship—take, for instance, that of artistic metalwork, as an example—a workman or designer, if left to work out his own unaided ideas, is likely to be influenced by any vulgarities that may surround him. It is not his fault. But here the

Art Museum steps in, and puts before him good examples of the best work, which are not merely a stimulus to good imitation, but produce that incentive to creative imagination which is so valuable and conduces to the best cohesive work.

Your Committee look forward to the time when the museums of the country will become as much a part of education as the class-room to-day, and towards this end they are, and for many years have been, trying to develop the Museums of Salford.

LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

The Libraries and Reading Rooms of the Borough have been maintained in a state of efficiency and order. Special care is given to the selection of books so as to meet as far as possible the tastes of all members of the community, and also to insure the literature being of a wholesome nature.

The number of books added during the year, both new and replacements, is shown in the subjoined statement :—

Libraries.	Replacements.	New.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park	— ..	331 ..	331
Lending, Peel Park	114 ..	357 ..	471
Greengate Branch	102 ..	385 ..	487
Regent Road Branch ..	204 ..	334 ..	538
Pendleton Branch	200 ..	229 ..	429
Albert Park Branch	233 ..	262 ..	495
Weaste Branch	77 ..	389 ..	466
The Height Branch	164 ..	247 ..	411
Totals	1,094	2,534	3,628

Attention is continually paid by your Committee to keeping all the buildings in structural repair, and to effect such improvements as are desirable and possible. The electric light installations have been overhauled and improved at the Libraries and Reading Room, Peel Park, and at the Height Branch Library. Metal filament lamps also have been provided, thus increasing the light efficiency and reducing the amount of current used.

The quietness of the Reading Room, Peel Park, has been greatly increased by the renewal of the worn rubber mats at the newspaper-stands, and the provision of coco-nut matting for the aisles.

A complete catalogue has been written in manuscript for the use of readers at the Reference Library. It includes all books added during the period 1892-1912, and records them under author, title, and subject in one alphabetical sequence. There are about 15,000 entries, and the catalogue is bound in three large volumes. This should be of great service to borrowers. For The Height Branch Library, a supplementary catalogue has been printed, containing the additions during the past two years, thus bringing the printed catalogue up to date. New printed catalogues are being prepared for other Libraries.

Some hundreds of the early volumes of Specifications of Patents have been transferred from the Pendleton Branch Library to that at Albert Park, owing to the rapid growth of the Patents Library and the congested state of the book-store at Pendleton.

At the Pendleton and Leicester Road Branches some beautifying has been done. At the Leicester Road Branch the old heating apparatus, which had been used to warm the recreation room and adjoining conservatory, has been taken away, following upon the removal of the latter building. Your Committee have introduced a new apparatus which now heats all of the public rooms with radiators, the furnace being placed in the cellar of the building. This gives much satisfaction, and does away with the use of open fire-places. The Charlestown Reading Rooms, an old residential building—Pendleton Old Hall—is frequently in need of repair. The building, of course, was never adapted for use as public reading-rooms, although it is utilised to the best possible advantage. The rooms are small and badly arranged, while the greater part of the house is unused.

At the Weaste Branch Library the condition of the structure is frequently a cause of anxiety. The building, the Council will remember, was originally erected as a temporary place of worship, and was never suitable for use as a public library. From time to time considerable sums have had to be spent on repairs, and the roof has again fallen into a bad condition.

Some interesting information of a gratifying nature is revealed when a comparison is made of the present statistical returns with those of last year.

The total attendance at the public reading-rooms shows an increase of 5,524, and amounts to 1,197,229 persons. Added to the attendance at the recreation rooms this sum becomes 1,730,378.

The number of volumes in stock has been reduced owing to the fact that, prior to the preparation of some catalogues, numerous books have been discarded which had fully served their purpose in the public libraries. They have, however, formed welcome gifts to several institutions in the Borough. The stock of what may be called living books has been increased by the addition of 3,628 volumes.

It is satisfactory to observe that there is an increase of nearly seventeen thousand in the issues of books to borrowers for home reading, while an increase of some thousands of books is also recorded of those used in the reading-rooms. A gratifying increase is also to be noticed in the issues of music, this being most marked in pianoforte music and songs. In violin and organ music an increase is also to be noted, though there is a falling off in the number of oratorios and operas borrowed from the libraries.

Of the total active borrowers of books enrolled during the year, which shows an increase upon last year's returns, 3,689 are males, an increase of 294, and 2,613 are females, 106 less than last year.

The following statement is of interest as indicating the use made of the books by home readers :—

Lending Library.	No. of Volumes.	No. of Borrowers.	No. of Issues.	Turn- over.	Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	10,400	1,205	31,535	3.0	26.1
Greengate Branch	10,917	1,258	42,149	3.8	33.5
Regent Road Branch ..	8,687	2,010	62,574	7.2	31.1
Pendleton Branch	7,862	2,119	53,791	6.8	25.3
Albert Park Branch	7,758	1,994	51,135	6.5	25.6
Weaste Branch.....	6,060	1,744	64,250	10.6	36.8
The Height Branch.....	7,127	1,918	57,091	8.0	29.7
Totals	58,811	12,248	362,525	..	..
Averages	8,401	1,749	51,789	6.5	29.7

This indicates an increase of 16,716 in the number of issues, an increase also in the turnover, and an increase of over two books issued per borrower as compared with last year.

The use made of the libraries by Juvenile Borrowers is a gratifying feature of the year's work of your Committee. While there is a small reduction in the number of enrolled borrowers, there is yet the marked increase of 13,244 in the issues of books, the average being 24 books issued to every young borrower. The Regent Road Branch has by far the largest number of juvenile borrowers, and at that Branch also are the greatest number of issues ; but the borrowers at the Weaste Branch read the greatest number of books per head, the Height Branch coming second in this respect. The fact that the annual issues show a marked increase would point to a growth in popularity of the libraries among the younger members of the community, and it is not altogether easy, in the face of this, to account for the reduction of 239 in the number of borrowers.

The following epitome of the daily records is interesting.

Number of Borrowers under 14 years of age, and Issues of Books for Home Reading :—

Lending Libraries.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Issues.	Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	155 ..	27 ..	182 ..	2,435 ..	13·3
Greengate Branch	292 ..	72 ..	364 ..	8,034 ..	22·0
Regent Road Branch .	548 ..	206 ..	754 ..	21,390 ..	28·3
Pendleton Branch	292 ..	69 ..	361 ..	8,478 ..	23·4
Albert Park Branch ...	220 ..	167 ..	387 ..	5,178 ..	13·3
Weaste Branch.....	165 ..	82 ..	247 ..	9,613 ..	38·9
The Height Branch...	159 ..	86 ..	245 ..	7,637 ..	31·1
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Totals	1,831 ..	709 ..	2,540 ..	62,765
Averages	261 ..	101 ..	362 ..	8,966 ..	24·3
Totals—1910-11 .	1,931 ..	848 ..	2,779 ..	49,521

The result of your Committee's work, as shown by the actual use made of the institutions under their control, may be seen in the sub-

joined abstract from the returns tabulated elsewhere in this Report. The total indicates an increase of 12,510 on last year's figures.

1. Number of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries, Peel Park	62,562
2. Number of Visitors to the Natural History Museum, Buile Hill Park (estimated)	69,162
3. Number of Issues of Books for Home Reading.....	362,524
4. Number of Issues of Books for use in the Reading Rooms..	242,366
5. Number of Readers in the News Rooms	1,197,229
6. Number of Persons using the Recreation Rooms	533,149
Total.....	2,466,992

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1911-12.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants and Auditors, Society of Incorporated	1
Australia, South, Government of	1
British Association for the Advancement of Science	1
British Museum Trustees	23
Carter Publishing Co., London	2
Chartered Institute of Secretaries	1
Christian Science Churches Distribution of Literature Committee, Manchester	1
City and Guilds of London Institute	2
City of London Publishing Co. Ltd.	1
Co-operative Union Ltd., Manchester	1
Crane, Crane & Co., Messrs.	1
Dublin University	2
Durham University	1
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published) ..	1
Hale Urban District Council	10
Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.....	10
Henshaw's Blind Asylum, Manchester, <i>per</i> Board of Management	1
Jepson, Messrs., & Co.	1

Labour Co-partnership Association	1
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	3
Lawrence, Lady Durning-	1
Layton, Messrs. C. and E.	2
Leech, Sir Bosdin T., Family of the late	2
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, and	

Reports from the following :—Aberdeen, Accrington, Altrincham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Carnegie Institute (Pittsburg, U.S.A.), Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Coventry, Cripplegate Foundation, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Falmouth, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Handsworth, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Ipswich, John Ryland's Library, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Knutsford, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Maidstone, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), National Museum of Wales, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (U.S.A.), Nicholson Institute (Leek), Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Paisley, Perthshire, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence (U.S.A.), Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherhithe, St. Annes-on-the-Sea, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shakespeare Memorial Library (Stratford-upon-Avon), Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, South Shields, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stockport, Stoke

Newington, Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Windsor, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, York.

London College of Music	1
London Directory Co., Ltd.	1
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews	3
Macdonald, Messrs. W., & Co., Ltd.	2
Macmillan, Messrs., & Co., Ltd.	4
Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society	1
Manchester Corporation	10
Manchester General Cemetery, <i>per</i> Committee of Management	1
Manchester Geological and Mining Society—Transactions.	
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society—Memoirs and Proceedings.	
Manchester Port Sanitary Authority.....	1
Manchester Statistical Society—Transactions.	
Mullen, Ben. H., Esq., M.A.....	1
National Museum of Science and Art, Dublin.....	1
National Union of Teachers.....	1
National University of Ireland	1
Patent Office Publications	176
Paton, Messrs. J. and J.	2
Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors :—	
Abolitionist, Accountant, Agricultural Economist, All the World, Alliance News, Animals' Friend, Anti-Suffrage Review, Arbitrator, Awake, Bible Advocate, Blackpool Herald, Blackpool Times, Board of Trade Journal, British Columbia Magazine, British Machinist and Patents, British News of Canada, Canada, Canadian Mail, Cassier's Magazine, Catholic Federationist, Catholic Times, Chemical Engineering, Child's	

Guardian, Christian Science Sentinel, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Clark's Educator, Clerks of Works' Journal, Contractor's Record and Municipal Engineering, Cook's Travellers' Gazette, Co-operative News, Co-partnership, Cottager and Artizan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Draper, Drapers' Record, Educational Times, Electrician, English Churchman, English Race, The Federationist, Ferro-concrete, Foresters' Miscellany, Free Russia, Free Trader, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age, Homœopathic Review, I.C.S. Student, Insurance Agent and the Insurance Review, India, International Theosophical Chronicle, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Labour Gazette, Land Values, Liberal Monthly, Liberator, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, Machinery Market, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Maritime Review, Midland Counties Herald, Mothers in Council, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Navy League Journal, New Church Magazine, Our Animal Brothers, Paper Maker, Personal Rights Journal, Pioneer of Wisdom, Poor-law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Printers' Engineer, Property List, Representation, The Secretary, Shop Assistant, Socialist Standard, Standard of Empire, State Correspondent, Stationery World, Surveying and Housing World, Tariff Reform Notes, Theosophist, Universe, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, West Salford Liberal Monthly, White Ribbon, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Phillips, Alderman, J.P. 1
 Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued): Caledonian; Cambrian; Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford; Great Central; Great Eastern; Great Northern; Great Northern (Ireland); Great Southern and Western (Ireland); Great Western; Lancashire

and Yorkshire ; London and North Western ; London,
Chatham, and Dover ; Midland ; Midland Great
Western (Ireland) ; North British ; North Eastern ;
South Eastern.

Robertson, Messrs. George, & Co.	1
Royal Dublin Society—Transactions and Proceedings.	
Royal Geographical Society	2
Royal National Life-Boat Institution.....	1
Royal National Mission to Deep-sea Fishermen.....	8
Royal Society—Proceedings.	
Salford Board of Guardians.....	2
Salford Corporation	42
Salford Royal Hospital, <i>per</i> Board of Management	1
Schooling, John H., Esq.	1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington	7
Tariff Reform League.....	1
Testimony Publishing Co., Chicago	12
Thomson, J. Maitland, Esq., LL.D.	1
Tonic Sol-fa College, London	1
Towers, John, Esq.	1
Union Defence League.....	1
University of London, University College Library.....	2
University Tutorial Press, London	2
Victoria University of Manchester	1

MUSEUMS, PEEL PARK AND BUILE HILL PARK.

(See *Remarks column*, 1906.)

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1850-1912.

Year ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850-70	10446477	4963	2104	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades.
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	Local Artists' Exhibition. Langworthy. Gallery opened.
1879	381000	260	1465	
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's <i>Balaclava</i> .
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings, &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	Loan of Art Objects, S. K. M.
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
†1896	132021	285	463	Scandinavian Art, &c., loan, S. K. M.
1897	149812	317	472	Collection of Art Objects, S. K. M.
1898	151058	313	482	Loan, Enamels, Bronzes, Wedgwood Ware, &c.
1899	128332	306	419	Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings.
1900	132737	310	428	Exhibition Water-colour Drawings, &c.
1901	136234	307	443	Additions to Art Collections.
1902	173680	311	558	Exhibitions: Paintings, Photographs.
1903	153721	311	494	Exhibitions: Embroideries, Water-colours.
1904	141586	312	453	Additions to Art Collections.
1905	125862	311	404	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. M.
1906	110052	313	351	<i>Nat. Hist. Colns. transferred to Buile Hill.</i>
1907	159760	308	518	Loans: Pictures and Pottery Figures.
1908	164020	309	530	Additions to Art Collections.
1909	151305	311	486	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. Museum.
1910	176418	309	570	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. Museum.
1911	143187	309	463	Loans and Additions to the Collections.
1912	131778	312	422	Exhibition, Stanhope Forbes' Pictures.
63 Years	22,451,324	16,655	1,348	

* Registering turnstiles first erected

† First permanently on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK, 1911-1912.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November.....	22	1516	4	841	26	2357	2357	68	210	90
December.....	20	962	5	657	25	1619	3976	48	131	64
January.....	23	1333	4	715	27	2048	6024	57	178	75
February.....	18	2630	3	947	21	3577	9601	146	315	170
March.....	21	1916	5	1967	26	3883	13484	91	393	149
April.....	22	4604	4	2115	26	6719	20203	209	528	258
May.....	23	4925	4	2288	27	7213	27416	27	572	267
June.....	21	4013	5	2106	26	6119	33535	191	421	235
July.....	23	4247	4	1966	27	6213	39748	184	491	230
August.....	22	8768	4	2375	26	11143	50891	398	593	428
September.....	21	4527	5	2349	26	6876	57767	215	469	264
October.....	25	3140	4	1745	29	4885	62652	125	436	168
Totals, &c. ..	261	42581	51	20071	312	62652	62652	163	393	200

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.	August Bank Holiday.
655	832	3226

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
471	832	601	400	319	656	808	4087

ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL PARK.

1906-7.....86613	1907-8.....88921	1908-9.....82028	1909-10...106005	1910-11.....81246	1911-12....69126
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TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUMS.

1906-7.....159760	1907-8...164020	1908-9...151305	1909-10...176418	1910-11...143187	1911-12....131778
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SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals.	Averages per Sunday.	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	50	8336	689	9025	180	3655	73
GREENGATE BRANCH	50	22451	..	22451	449	3941	78
REGENT ROAD BRANCH	50	14448	..	14448	289	3363	66
PENDLETON BRANCH	50	7473	164	7637	152	224	4
ALBERT PARK BRANCH	50	6707	576	7283	145	..	..
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS ...	50	2513	20	2533	50	..	..
WEASTE BRANCH	50	4016	225	4241	84	26	..
IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH	50	4877	1044	5921	118	6	..
LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS..	50	2711	1241	3952	79	..	..
Totals .....	..	73532	3959	77491	1546	11215	221
			77491				

† This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	TOTALS.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1915	Blue Books { 682 2170 }	1316	6561	..	2822	2714	3403	2758	2858	341	27540
Lending, Peel Park	203	159	193	856	350	516	795	817	724	89	5698	10400
Greengate Branch	281	246	230	1178	..	934	1036	780	827	401	5004	10917
Regent Road Branch	267	152	237	782	225	569	810	688	697	52	4208	8687
Pendleton Branch	214	154	277	{ 899 7335 }	180	492	659	626	606	138	3617	{ 7862 7335 }
Albert Park Branch	278	154	149	679	158	382	457	420	521	246	4314	7758
Weaste Branch	152	162	148	509	..	289	340	283	348	381	3448	6060
Irlams o' th' Height Branch .	184	182	178	548	77	303	437	399	302	302	4215	7127
Totals	3494	4061	2728	19347	990	6307	7248	7416	6783	4467	30845	93686

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK.		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1876.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENULTON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLESTON READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEASTE BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLANDS OFFICE HEIGHT BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS. (Opened Apr., 1905.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1850.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1854.)										
1850 to 1889 ..	2166341	1913983	1639480	1711911	948693	..	..	..	..	..	8380408	1851
1889-90	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	..	..	..	..	..	317585	87523
1890-1	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	..	..	..	..	329598	1861
1891-2	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	..	..	..	..	407767	102449
1892-3	65924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	..	..	..	..	406126	1871
1893-4	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	..	662	..	..	432728	124801
1894-5	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	..	3799	..	..	435867	1881
1895-6	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	..	5321	..	..	419951	176235
1896-7	66803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	..	3544	..	..	414791	1891
1897-8	57259	31445	49316	79903	67212	98958	..	6113	..	..	390266	198139
1898-9	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	..	6451	..	..	379007	1891
1899-00	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	..	8621	..	..	374875	198139
1900-1	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	..	32381	28957	..	443516	1901
1901-2	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	..	49529	55803	..	483418	220957
1902-3	64537	33279	55908	78607	57650	86652	..	57773	57237	..	491643	1901
1903-4	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	..	62605	57206	..	511612	594679
1904-5	65568	35753	64676	77668	63531	87308	..	83725	64799	..	527219	576092
1905-6	67165	38441	69745	77387	78568	105540	..	87265	74108	..	583881	1911
1906-7	68464	38435	68373	72220	68496	91149	..	90017	78938	..	613313	231380
1907-8	64952	39152	68885	78750	68073	89729	..	90825	82915	..	605957	584639
1908-9	69128	38110	78512	90640	73629	87401	..	91707	84186	..	604890	Present Estimated 232726
1909-10	67514	35368	75567	91410	74224	81607	..	97302	82965	..	1,197,229	533,149
1910-11	68569	31248	71313	79744	79989	78636	..	94967	80173	..	1,730,378	97,431
1911-12	69034	31535	73228	89024	80981	75848	..	98980	86260	..	1,730,378	97,431
Totals	3,638,780	2,655,802	3,005,523	3,622,236	2,616,091	1,985,611	..	952,238	833,547	..	1,730,378	97,431
	6,294,582											
Number of Readers in the Reading Rooms, 1911-12 ..	196,344		236,005	152,579	114,695	100,157	31,267	197,872	123,315	44,995	533,149	
Attendance in Rec- reation Rooms, 1911-12 .....	....		170,263	140,602	98,982	..	44,403	26,463	..	52,436	533,149	
Totals	196,344		406,268	293,181	213,677	100,157	75,670	224,335	123,315	97,431	1,730,378	

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	SALFORD.	PENDLETON.	BROUGHTON.	MANCHESTER AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	289	200	66	27	25	16	231	72	160	160	365	184	41	33	623	1205
Greengate Branch	453	142	68	38	30	5	306	152	38	240	497	4	216	19	736	1258
Regent Road Branch ..	624	176	120	64	39	11	560	184	65	225	898	126	1	9	1034	£010
Pendleton Branch	570	205	123	56	34	21	366	138	74	431	9	977	8	15	1009	2119
Albert Park Branch ...	420	209	119	79	56	72	370	90	113	382	10	12	911	22	955	1994
Weaste Branch	453	196	154	63	38	47	224	105	117	505	82	867	..	2	951	1744
Irlams o' th' Height Branch.	309	276	207	120	80	2	297	62	321	314	..	884	1	109	994	1918
Totals	3118	1404	857	447	302	174	2354	803	888	2257	1861	3054	1178	209	6302	12248

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES AND READING-ROOMS.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Attendance in Recreation Rooms.	Daily Average.
Peel Park	1361	1621	2381	6180	2243	2081	31667	19724	1776	69034	230	299	196344	656	..	..	..
Greengate Branch	374	325	181	650	274	618	7951	17873	2833	31079	100	308	236005	766	308	170263	552
Regent Road Branch	202	250	275	282	272	303	288	23950	628	26450	87	302	152579	505	302	140602	465
Pondleton Branch	165	181	193	207	224	530	322	24791	577	27190	88	307	114695	373	303	98982	326
Albert Park Branch	7	12	5	37	14	14	7188	17398	38	24713	80	308	100157	325	..	..	..
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	308	31267	101	308	44403	144
Waste Branch	98	131	57	154	135	123	16462	17101	469	34730	112	308	197872	642	304	26463	87
Irlands o' th' Height Branch ..	172	128	426	525	392	610	873	25321	723	29170	94	308	123315	400	..	..	..
Leicester Rd. Read'g-Rooms ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	307	44995	146	293	52436	178
Totals	2379	2648	3518	8035	3554	4279	64751	146158	7044	242366	791	..	1197229	3914	..	533149	1752

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Musical.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park	107	201	264	1011	1400	370	710	657	465	26350	31535	106	296
Greengate Branch	76	97	206	883	..	217	774	605	5233	34058	42149	139	303
Regent Road Branch	182	165	428	998	738	1100	946	589	1514	55914	62574	207	302
Pendleton Branch	135	140	309	1086	1027	559	890	375	1798	47472	53791	182	294
Albert Park Branch	294	136	275	1091	808	576	959	724	1406	44866	51135	169	302
Waste Branch	167	193	298	1112	..	660	981	407	3368	57064	64250	212	303
Irlands o' th' Height Branch ..	221	177	344	1114	694	549	892	424	3158	49517	57090	188	302
Totals	1182	1109	2124	7295	4667	4031	6152	3781	16942	315241	362524	1203	..

ANALYSIS OF STOCK AND ISSUES OF MUSIC FROM THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

Principal Classes.	PEEL PARK.		REGENT ROAD		PENDLETON.		ALBERT PARK.		IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT.		TOTALS.	
	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1911-12	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1911-12	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1911-12	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1911-12	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1911-12	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1911-12
Operas.....	103	598	9	82	32	373	9	114	28	269	181	1436
Oratorios	42	64	9	31	14	34	10	27	7	20	82	176
Pianoforte Albums	43	175	105	194	8	184	47	300	14	155	217	1008
Ditto (Juveniles)	14	52	11	62	8	99	10	65	..	..	43	278
Pianoforte Pieces and Songs (combined in one vol.) ...	31	86	10	54	23	87	17	66	3	73	84	366
Songs.....	46	114	39	105	31	159	22	34	21	165	159	577
Selections, Sonatas, Over- tures, &c.	44	243	26	129	48	48	29	141	..	..	147	561
Violin Albums	16	53	14	50	14	31	12	53	..	..	56	187
Organ	11	15	2	31	2	12	2	8	4	12	21	78
Totals	350	1400	225	738	180	1027	158	808	77	694	990	4667

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	421	84	Embroiderers .....	..	2
Actor and Actress	1	1	Engineers, Civil	9	..
Agents and Collectors	53	..	Engineers, Electrical	8	..
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	376	81	Engineers, Mechanical	65	..
Architect and Surveyor	1	..	Engravers	12	..
Artists	2	2	Envelope Maker .....	..	1
Bakers and Confectioners...	9	14	Factory Operatives	55	81
Bath Attendants	1	1	Fancy Box Makers .....	..	5
Billiard Marker	1	..	Fishmongers and Poulterers ..	2	..
Blacksmiths and Strikers...	12	..	Fitters and Mechanics	56	..
Boiler Maker	1	..	Florist .....	..	1
Bookbinders	2	7	Folders and Sewers .....	..	2
Booksellers and Stationers..	1	2	Foremen and Forewomen...	10	2
Bootmakers and Dealers....	6	..	French Polishers	3	..
Bricklayers and Masons	19	..	Furnacemen	6	..
Brushmaker	1	..	Gardeners	3	..
Builders and Contractors ...	2	..	Gas Inspectors	6	..
Butchers	10	..	Glass Blowers	4	..
Cap Makers	3	2	Governess .....	..	1
Caretakers	2	1	Greengrocers	2	..
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	48	..	Grocers	37	2
Carpet Makers	2	..	Hairdressers	22	..
Carters, Vanmen, &c.	22	..	Herbalist	1	..
Cashiers	5	4	Housekeepers .....	..	170
Charwomen .....	..	3	Instrument Makers	2	..
Chemists and Druggists ...	19	3	Insurance Inspectors and Superintendents	4	..
Cigar and Cigarette Maker..	..	1	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, &c.	63	..
Civil Service Officials.....	2	..	Journalist	1	..
Clergymen and Ministers...	5	..	Knitter .....	..	1
Cloth Stampers	4	4	Labourers and Porters	183	..
Coach Builders	7	..	Ladies' Companions .....	..	4
Coal Merchant	1	..	Lampighter	1	..
Coal Miners	27	..	Laundress .....	..	1
Commercial Travellers....	29	..	Lay Readers	1	2
Cook .....	..	1	Library Assistant	1	..
Core Makers	3	..	Licensed Victuallers	9	1
Cork Cutter	1	..	Lithographers	4	..
Corset Maker .....	..	1	Lodging-house Proprietor ..	1	..
Costumiers .....	..	6	Machinists	5	85
Dairymen	5	..	Makers-up and Packers	17	7
Dentists	3	..	Managers and Manageresses ..	14	8
Designers	2	3	Manufacturers and Merchants	11	..
Dispenser of Medicine	1	..	Married .....	..	610
Domestic Servants .....	..	65	Medical Plaister Maker	1	..
Drapers and Haberdashers..	3	8	Millers	4	..
Draughtsmen	30	..	Milliners .....	..	29
Dress and Mantle Makers...	..	87	Millwright	1	..
Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	12	..	Motormen	10	..
Electricians, and Electric Coil and Switch Makers	39	2	Musicians	11	8
			None or Not Stated	74	297
			Nurses .....	..	29
			Oil Refiner	1	..

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS—*continued*.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Optologists	2	..	Shirt Makers .....	..	2
Painters and Decorators ...	32	..	Shop Assistants	31	43
Paper Bag Maker .....	..	1	Shopkeepers	12	9
Paper Makers, Rulers, &c... 2	2		Solicitor.....	1	..
Pattern Card Makers	11	..	Stevedore	1	..
Pattern Makers	12	..	Stoker	1	..
Paviors	2	..	Storekeepers	9	..
Pawnbrokers	10	..	Students	37	24
Photographers	5	..	Tailoresses .....	..	34
Physicians and Surgeons.... 3	..		Tailors and Outfitters	23	..
Picture Frame Maker	1	..	Telephone Operators	2	10
Plumbers and Glaziers	8	..	Timekeepers	3	..
Police Officers.....	16	..	Tin Plate Workers	3	..
Post Office Employés	32	14	Tobacconists	4	1
Printers, Compositors, and			Townsmen	1	..
Feeders	35	14	Tram Conductors	16	..
Railway Employés	30	..	Tripe Dressers.....	2	..
Rubber Workers	8	8	Typists	1	54
Saddlers and Harness Makers 3	..		Undertaker	1	..
Salesmen and Buyers..... 40	..		Upholsterers.....	2	1
Saleswomen .....	..	5	Velvet Sorter.....	1	..
Sanitary Inspectors	2	..	Waiters and Waitresses..... 7	13	
Sawyers.....	4	..	Warehousemen and Women. 104	22	
School Children	1168	463	Watchmakers and Jewellers. 3	..	
Schoolmasters and Mistresses 14	11		Water Inspector	1	..
School Teachers	48	141	Weights & Measures Inspector 1	..	
Seamen	3	..	Wheelwrights	2	..
Secretaries	5	..	Wire Drawers	6	1
Sempstresses .....	..	13	Wood Turners and Carvers.. 4	..	
Males			3689		
Females.....			2613		
Total			6302		

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, MANDLEY, AND CLAREMONT PARKS.

During the past year very considerable alterations and improvements have been made in the administration of the Parks Department, and thirteen acres of land adjoining Peel Park have been purchased for an additional playground.

The headquarters of the Department have been transferred from Peel Park to Buile Hill Park.

Much has been done in the way of repairs and alterations, and the whole Department has been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

The planting of new trees and shrubs is receiving constant attention, and the display of spring and summer bedding has again given much pleasure to visitors.

A plot of land in Everard Street which has been used as a rough playground, and which has been the cause of many complaints from the residents adjoining, has been disposed of, and the Committee relieved of further expense in connection therewith.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received the necessary attention, namely :—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Walness Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, King Street (The Height), Chapter Square, Regent Square, The Crescent Land, and the Duchy Land (Broad Street). It is found that the more constant supervision given to the above considerably adds to their utility.

BOWLING GREENS.

Owing to the continued rain during the most important part of the bowling season, I regret to report a very considerable falling off in the receipts, but it is pleasing to find that the bowling greens have recovered from the serious effects of the exceptionally dry summer of 1910.

The total receipts from the twelve bowling greens during the past year has been £435 11s. 2d., and the number of players 52,267, as compared with £532 10s. 0d., and 63,900 last year. The returns from the several bowling greens are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players
Peel Park (two greens)	61	5	6	....	7,353
Buile Hill Park (two greens)	79	10	4	....	9,542
Albert Park (two greens)	89	0	0	....	10,680
Ordsall Park (two greens)	65	15	8	....	7,894
Mandley Park (two greens)	72	14	8	....	8,728
Charlestown Recreation Ground (one green)	30	10	2	....	3,661
King Street (The Height) (one green)	36	14	10	....	4,409
	<u>£435</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>	....	<u>52,267</u>

LAWN TENNIS.

The exceptionally wet season has in a similar manner affected the receipts from the 25 tennis courts.

The receipts are £109 5s. 4d., and the number of players 13,112, as compared with £121 10s. 10d., and 14,585 last year. The returns from the several tennis courts are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players
Peel Park (seven courts)	18	7	8	....	2,206
Buile Hill Park (eight courts)	34	6	10	....	4,121
Albert Park (five courts)	33	4	0	....	3,984
Mandley Park (two courts)	10	9	8	....	1,258
Claremont Park (three courts)	12	17	2	....	1,543
	<u>£109</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	....	<u>13,112</u>

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

The following Bands were engaged :—

Salford Police Band.
 Salford Tramways Military Band.
 Pendleton Old Prize Band.
 Pendleton Public Prize Band.
 Irwell Old Prize Band.
 South Salford Silver Prize Band.
 Whit Lane Prize Band.
 St. Joseph's Boys' Military Band.
 Barnes' Home Industrial School Band.
 Certified Industrial School Band.
 8th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers' Band
 7th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers' Band.
 Northern Military Band.

The number of performances given was 72, as against 68 last year.

	£	s.	d.
Total cost of Bands	340	0	0
Police attendance	5	15	0
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	£345	15	0

as against £327 11s. 8d. last year.

PEEL PARK COTTAGE WINDOW GARDENING
EXHIBITION.

The thirty-first annual exhibition was held in Peel Park on August 2nd, 3rd, and 5th last, and it is very satisfactory to again report that the same was in every way a success, and a source of enjoyment to many thousands of visitors.

The prices for admission were, as previously, adults 2d., children 1d.

The number of visitors was 23,828, as against 22,182 last year.

The total receipts for admission amounted to £130 10s., as against £121 last year.

The number of plants sold was 9,145, as against 9,071 last year.

The total value of the prizes awarded was £130 2s. 6d., as against £141 last year.

The drawing competition organised for the children was again a very attractive display, and, owing to an alteration in the rules, the judges report that the work sent in was of a more useful character to the exhibitors, and reflected much credit upon the teachers.

There were 1,023 exhibitors ; 100 prizes were awarded, to the value of £14 5s. 6d., and many drawings were highly commended.

The exhibition was opened by the Mayoress of Salford (Mrs. Linsley), supported by His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the Museums, Libraries, and Parks Committee, the Chairman of the Exhibition Sub-Committee (Alderman Rudman), and a large and representative number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work.

Special prizes were given by the Mayor to the value of £2, Mrs. C. J. Heywood £2 2s., and the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Casartelli) £2. Two Gold Medals were given by James Brown, Esq., J.P., of Longfield, Heaton Mersey.

The following is a list of the principal work carried out during the year :—

PEEL PARK.

The disused Lodge at the Victoria entrance has been taken down, and a new Lodge erected. Considerable alteration of the grounds around the Lodge has been made, and a new system of drainage provided.

Two new boilers have been fixed at the greenhouses, and the arrangements for heating materially improved.

BUILE HILL PARK.

A house has been erected for the Parks Superintendent, and the house previously occupied by him at Peel Park has been let to the Technical School Committee.

A retaining wall, 80 yards in length and 9 feet high, has been built to form an enclosed works yard.

Five hundred deck chairs have been supplied to this park by the Manchester Chair Hiring Company, which are let out at 1d. each.

The chairs were fairly used when the weather was suitable, but, owing to the unfavourable summer, it is difficult to say whether the experiment will prove successful or not.

A new boiler for heating the greenhouses has been fixed, and the whole system materially improved.

The sewerage drains in connection with the Museum and other buildings in the Park were found to be very defective, and a new 9 inch drain, 370 yards long, has been laid, and connected with the Weaste Lane sewer.

The collection of chrysanthemums grown were open for public inspection for three weeks, and were visited by at least 12,000 people.

MANDLEY PARK.

A greenhouse has been taken down, and the yard wall taken down and rebuilt on a line with the gardener's house, giving improved supervision of the Park.

KERSAL MOOR.

Eighteen new seats have been placed on the Moor, and a hut has been built for the caretaker, which will greatly improve the supervision of this place.

CRESCENT LAND.

The tipping up of this land is now proceeding very rapidly, and at the present rate it should be filled in about twelve months.

From 17th October, 1911, to 12th October, 1912, 36,696 loads have been tipped, for which £458 14s. 0d. has been received, as against 16,883 loads and £211 0s. 9d. received last year. In addition, the various Departments of the Corporation have had free use of the tip to the extent of 6,415 loads.

The shrubs planted on the river bank have grown very satisfactorily, and 150 yards of bank has been formed and planted during this year, and 150 yards of new fence fixed to protect the shrubs and river bank.

(Signed) ALFRED WORSLEY,
CHAIRMAN.

The Museum, Peel Park,
October, 1912.



COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

SIXTY-FIFTH

REPORT

OF THE

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COMMITTEE.

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REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their report for the year ended 31st October, 1913, the sixty-fifth report since the inauguration of the Public Library and Museum in Peel Park.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

During the year numerous interesting objects have been added to the collections, and the new departure of establishing a section devoted to Furniture, Wood-carving, and Domestic Metalwork has been amply justified by the interest which has been awakened, and by the attention which visitors have given the objects already acquired.

The coloured casts of wood-carvings, purchased last year, which in appearance so closely resemble the original examples in the Victoria and Albert Museum, are of direct practical value to the designer, the architect, the builder, craftsman, and amateur carver.

To this section your Committee have added a useful and varied collection of original carved wood mouldings from cornices, skirtings, shutters, chair-rails, fire-places, architraves, and other members of architectural ornament in English houses of the 17th and 18th centuries. Several interesting pieces of wrought-iron balustrading from stairs of the 18th century have also been secured, and are now on exhibition.

In regard to domestic furniture, a satisfactory beginning has been made towards the formation of a collection, typical of different periods

and styles, among those acquired being three chairs of the late Stuart period, a Jacobean Derbyshire oak settee, and a fine carved oak Jacobean Bible box.

Some Illuminated Manuscripts—capital letters of the 12th and 15th centuries—also newly acquired, form the nucleus of what, it is hoped, may ultimately become a useful and beautiful series, fertile in suggestion to the designer and illuminator.

Your Committee are again indebted to the Board of Education and the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum, both for the grant of one-half the cost of purchase of the above objects and for assistance and advice at all times generously rendered.

A beautiful example of the carved oak state bed, of the period 1580-90, has been kindly lent by Miss D. L. Carver, and is an object of great interest to visitors. The furniture section is further strengthened by the exhibition of a number of photographs of pieces that form part of the national collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Some of the oil-paintings in the galleries have been cleaned.

The Corporations of Bury, Sunderland and Nottingham requested the loan of some paintings, and your Committee had pleasure in lending the following, which had been specially selected, namely, to the Bury Art Galleries the portraits *William Beckford*, by John Hoppner, R.A., *Sir Robert Peel*, by Sir Thomas Lawrence, P.R.A., and *Laurence Sterne*, by Thomas Gainsborough, R.A.; and to Sunderland and Nottingham the pictures *Famine*, by J. C. Dollman, A.R.W.S., and *Wild Wales*, by B. W. Leader, R.A.

It is of interest to note that during the past ten years twenty-six of the Salford pictures have been borrowed by eighteen cities and towns, including Burnley, Bury, Edinburgh, London, Manchester, Melbourne, Newcastle, Nottingham, and Sunderland. Of these pictures, one was borrowed five times, two thrice, six twice, and seventeen on one occasion each; the total number loaned in the decade being thus forty pictures. Your Committee are always glad to be able to give pleasure in this way to residents in other towns, and find that they, in turn, are equally ready to respond when Salford desires to borrow.

The annual loan collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum has been changed, the new loan comprising some interesting electro-types of silversmiths' work, besides several pieces of furniture, Spanish, Italian, and English, 16th and 17th centuries, kindly lent by special request. Further loans generously made by the Victoria and Albert Museum are noted elsewhere.

Considerable work has been done in re-arrangement and scientific classification among the collections in Room C, the following sections having been taken in hand, namely, the prehistoric antiquities, the Greek and Roman antiquities, the Mediæval and recent antiquities, and the Egyptian antiquities ; and, so far as show-cases are available, the Australian, Melanesian, Polynesian and Micronesian sections of the ethnographical collections. A valuable and interesting group of ancient bronze ornaments and implements, dating from about 1200 B.C. to the second century A.D., have received special treatment and descriptive labelling.

Several additions have been made to the Children's Room, and its potential value as a means of instruction to young people, as well as of interest to others, has been materially increased during the year. Some of the Natural Orders are now here represented by typical specimens : the *Primates* by the Macaque Monkey, the *Carnivora* by the Stoat, *Rodentia* by the Rabbit and the Mouse, *Chiroptera* by the Bat, and *Insectivora* by the Hedgehog. This series will in time be extended. In addition, a series is now exhibited of specimens from the animal kingdom, showing on one side the animal in its natural appearance in life, and on the other the articulated skeleton. These double-mounted specimens have been chosen to illustrate the Rodents (Squirrel), the Carnivores (Cat), the Birds (Pigeon), the Reptiles (Tortoise), the Amphibians (Frog) and the Fishes (Carp).

A small but interesting group of Birds' Feet is exhibited, showing various modifications in form and integument, depending on the mode of life of the bird ; whether, for instance, it be a percher, swimmer or bird of prey. Some examples of Protective Resemblance, taken from the insect world, form an interesting and attractive group. Each of the

above exhibits, it will be noticed, apart from its inherent interest, forms for the children of the borough a call and introduction to the major collections at the Natural History Museum.

Some further interesting additions have been made, associated with the Arts of Life. For example, the Origin of the Alphabet has been dealt with in a series of printed descriptive labels, illustrated by pen-and-ink sketches. Another series of descriptive labels, illustrated by pictures, describes numerous Primitive Methods of Producing Fire, as practised by peoples in various parts of the world. Groups showing the Knife and the Chisel as used in the Stone, the Bronze and the Iron Ages have been prepared and placed on exhibition; and the series of implements, dating from Eolithic times to the present day, tracing the Origin and Development of the Axe and Adze have been added to the section.

All of these objects have direct bearing upon the history and evolution of social life as we know it to-day, and lead directly to the important archæological and ethnographical collections in the museum, where the course of development from savagery to civilisation may be studied in various stages.

A number of plans, engravings and pictures, illustrating the growth of Salford and district from the time of the Roman occupation to the present day, have again been brought together—having for some years been exhibited on loan at the Old Manchester and Salford Exhibition at Queen's Park, Manchester—and should awaken and develop among the young and others an interest in the history of the ancient town.

An exhibition of Wild Flowers was maintained in the Children's Room throughout the summer months, and gave pleasure to visitors, old and young alike.

Your Committee have had an entirely new apparatus installed for heating the museum, libraries and reading room.

Two important changes have been made from the custom of recent years by permitting visitors to take into the museum their sticks and umbrellas, and by throwing the building open to the public on

Fridays as on other week-days. The results have completely justified these steps. Visitors have shown a gratifying care of the exhibits, and their number, as recorded by the turnstile, has increased from 62,652 in the previous year to 106,697 in the year just closed. This marked increase is to a large extent due to three principal causes, namely, the removal of the stick-room restriction, the opening of the museum on Fridays, which alone accounts for 8,686 persons, and to the fact that through the kind co-operation of the Education authorities it has been widely made known that the visits of well-behaved school-children are always welcomed. But apart from these reasons, there can be no doubt that the steadily growing attractiveness and usefulness of the museum in the intellectual cultivation and enlightenment of the people, and the increasing pleasure thus brought into their daily life, account in no small measure for the large number of persons who now enter the doors.

During the year the Chairman of the Museums and Art Galleries Sub-Committee and the Curator had interviews with the local Education authorities, and the ground was prepared for an organised plan, shortly to be put into operation, for making an increased use of the museums as adjuncts to the educational system of the town. This has for many years been the ambition and aim of your Committee, and they heartily welcome, and are very pleased to share in, the progressive movement.

Seventeen organised visits have been paid to the Museum and Art Galleries, comprising 633 scholars, with their teachers.

DONATIONS.

BAMPING, Mr. J.—

Oak cradle. *English*, 17th century.

BRITISH MUSEUM, TRUSTEES OF THE—

Coins, framed electrotypes of over four hundred. *Greek*, 700 to 1 B.C.

Papyrus of Hunefer and Papyrus of Anhai, Coloured plates of. *Ancient Egyptian*.

Flint Implements (19) of Palæolithic Cave Period : Le Moustier, Aurignac, Gorge d'Enfer, Solutré, Laugerie and La Madeleine.

LAW, Mr. JOHN D.—

Testing balance for gold coins. *English*, 1797-1813

RIDYARD, Mr. ARNOLD.—

Basket from *Egga, Northern Nigeria*.

WILLIAMS, Mr. A. E., per Mr. A. RIDYARD.—

Bundu devil-dancer's mask. *Mendi Country*.

PURCHASES.

Among the acquisitions by purchase the following may be mentioned :—

Iron finger-ring, found five feet down in clay, Higher Broughton. *Roman*, 2nd century A.D.

Iron stylus, small bronze vessel, bronze padlock (part) and bronze chisel. *Roman*.

Bronze knife, from lake dwelling at *Estavayer*.

Sword and shield. *Masai*.

Illuminated Manuscripts : Five *Italian*, 15th century ; two *Netherlandish*, 15th century ; one *Eastern French*, 12th century.

Carved wood mouldings. *English*, 17th and 18th centuries.

Wrought-iron portions of stairs balustrading. *English*, 18th century.

Fire-dogs, pair of steel. *English*, 17th century.

Fire grate, steel. *English*, about 1700.

Chimney-crane. *English*, 17th century.

Bible-box, carved oak. *English*, 17th century.

Oak settee. *English* (Derbyshire). 17th century.

Chairs. Two. *English*, (Stuart) 1685-88.

Chair. *English* (Stuart), about 1690.

Chair. *English* (Queen Anne), about 1705.

Chair. *English* (Chippendale style), about 1760.

LOANS.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM.—

Framed examples of textiles, silks, brocades, printed cottons, laces ; also designs for silks and chintzes, and Indian wood-blocks with impressions on cotton.

Stained and Painted Glass, water-colour drawings of examples of. *English*, 15th century.

CARVER, Miss D. L.—

State bed of carved oak. *English*, 1580-90.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.

Progress has been maintained at the Natural History Museum, and much work is in hands. By means of the redistribution of a few specimens and groups, the general classification of the collections has been simplified for the visitor. On the ground floor are now the Mineralogical, Geological, and Conchological collections; the first floor is devoted solely to Ornithology; while the Mammals and the Botanical section are exhibited on the second floor.

The transfer of four wall-cases, no longer required in Room V., to Room IX. will enable the Committee at small expense to exhibit the Marsupials, Ungulates, Lemurs, and Rodents, of which they possess over thirty valuable skins. During the coming year the preparation, modelling and mounting of these will be taken in hand.

Some discarded table-cases have been altered and adapted for use round the walls in Room III., and to them have been transferred the geological specimens which had formerly been exhibited in somewhat inadequate cases on the central floor-space. These latter have been discarded, and the Conchological collections have been transferred from Rooms IX. and X. to Rooms III. and IV. on the ground floor.

Considerable work has been done in the British Birds section, many new specimens being added, and mounted with suggestions of their natural environment. Among them are the Harlequin Duck, the Blue-winged Teal, the Merlin, and the Stone-Curlew. A clutch of young Ringed Sand-Plover has been set up, and forms part of a group which in a striking manner will illustrate protective colouring in nature.

There are now on exhibition two hundred and nineteen species of British Birds, and they, like many other collections and groups in the museum, form particularly useful subjects for school teachers in connection with nature study.

Coloured models of the Blue Shark, Fox Shark, and Porbeagle Shark have been prepared, and are on exhibition. The skin of a female Chimpanzee has been purchased and, modelled and mounted, now finds its place with other Primates.

A fine group has been arranged of Polar animals represented in their natural summer habitat. They comprise the following, namely, the Northern Fur Seal, the Greenland or Harp Seal in its second pelage, the Northern Sea Lion, and the Cape Fur Seal, together with the King Penguin and the Adélie Penguin.

The transfer of three of the Botanical cases from Room XII. to the two adjoining rooms has permitted the exhibition of the noble specimen of the North American Bison on the space vacated.

The estimated attendance of 110,229 persons shows a large increase over last year's figures, 69,126; and here, as at the art museum, the reason is to be found in the encouragement given to young people to enter the building, in the growing attractiveness and usefulness of the collections, as well as in the fact that the weekly closing for cleaning purposes on Thursday is no longer observed.

Fourteen organised visits were paid during the year by scholars accompanied by their teachers, the scholars being 457 in number. Reckoning the visits to the art museum, the total is 31 visits by 1,090 scholars. It is anticipated that this system, just begun, will largely develop among the schools of the borough.

DONATIONS.

BRAZENOR, Mr. H.—

Skins of the Stone-Curlew, the Harlequin Duck, the Fire-crested Wren, the Eider Drake, the Merlin (female), three young Ringed Sand-Plover, nest of the Eider, skins of the Common Seal, the Coypu, the Beatrix Antelope, two Gazelles, and the Muntjac.

BRITISH MUSEUM, TRUSTEES OF THE.—

Skin of the Adélie Penguin.

HAILWOOD, Mr. R. E.—

Skins of the Bushbuck (male and female), and two skins of the Angola Colobus.

JENNISON, Mr. GEORGE.—

Skin of the Flamingo.

MANCHESTER PARKS COMMITTEE.—

Skin of the Rhea.

OGDEN, Mr. J. W.—

Skin of the Python, Uganda.

SMITH, Mr. HARRY.—

Skins (two) of the Common Jay.

STANLEY, Mr. T.—

Coloured Drawing: Section of shaft of the Great Lever
Colliery, Bolton.

TATTERSALL, W. M., D.Sc.—

Skin of White-tailed Gnu, South Africa.

TEALE, Mr. A. N.—

Birds' Eggs (twenty-three) from the Shetland Islands.

PURCHASE.

Chimpanzee, Skin of female.

LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

During the year your Committee have devoted considerable attention to the Libraries and Reading Rooms of the borough, which have again advanced in public efficiency. At the Lending Library, Peel Park, additional accommodation has been provided for the stock of books, and the new heating apparatus in the museum and libraries has greatly increased the comfort of the reading room.

At the Pendleton Branch some of the forms have been replaced by chairs at the magazine tables, thus adding to the comfort and convenience of the readers. A new boiler at the Albert Park Branch increases the efficiency of the heating apparatus there, and a quantity of coloured glass in the windows has been replaced by clear glass, thus improving the lighting of the rooms.

An extension of recent alterations in the electric fittings has been effected at The Height Branch, improving the light, and at the same time reducing the consumption of current. Other material improve-

ments have received consideration, such as beautifying work at some of the branches, and will be carried out during the current financial year.

Your Committee have experimentally introduced at The Height Branch Library, before deciding upon further adoption, the card-charging system of recording the issue and return of books, to take the place of the cumbrous ledger-system in vogue for so many years. Many advantages have followed this change. For instance, the service of books is much more rapid, effecting a notable saving of time both for borrowers and the staff, and doing away with the congestion from which borrowers have frequently suffered at the counter. A book when returned is now instantly recorded as being in stock, and is immediately ready for re-issue; this, again, is a great advantage to borrowers. Under this system also the borrower's card lies at the library while the book is out, and thus it is impossible for more than one book to be out at the same time under the authority of one card. In every way the system, as adapted to our requirements, is simple, rapid, and economical, besides being accurate in working, and readily supplying all the statistics necessary for the supervision and control of the library.

The number of new books added to the libraries during the year is almost the same as last year's number, and gives an average of 298 to each lending library.

REPLACEMENTS AND NEW BOOKS.

Libraries.	Replacements.	New.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park	— ..	432 ..	432
Lending, Peel Park	81 ..	317 ..	398
Greengate Branch	108 ..	247 ..	355
Regent Road Branch.....	97 ..	330 ..	427
Pendleton Branch	138 ..	187 ..	325
Albert Park Branch	119 ..	215 ..	334
Weaste Branch.....	71 ..	434 ..	505
The Height Branch.....	38 ..	355 ..	393
Totals	<u>652</u>	<u>2,517</u>	<u>3,169</u>

The stock of books in the libraries is larger than it was a year ago by 1,971 volumes ; and the roll of borrowers for home reading, containing 82 names more than last year, now amounts to 12,330 persons.

The stock of music has been strengthened, and now consists of 1,293 volumes, containing the best of the operas and oratorios, a large number of songs and pianoforte pieces, besides many selections, sonatas, overtures, violin pieces, and pieces for the organ. The issues in this section have risen by 926 volumes to 5,593 during the year, representing over 100 volumes each week ; and the order of popularity is operas, pianoforte music, songs, &c. A stock of well-chosen music is now to be found in each of the lending libraries of the borough.

Your Committee, being fully persuaded of the importance of the early acquirement of the habit of reading wholesome literature, pays special attention to the younger members of the town's community. The following statement shows at a glance the number of youthful borrowers at the several libraries, and the use which they make of the books provided for home reading.

BORROWERS UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND ISSUES OF
BOOKS TO THEM FOR HOME READING.

Lending Libraries.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Issues.	Average Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	208 ..	37 ..	245 ..	2,792 ..	11·4
Greengate Branch	406 ..	143 ..	549 ..	11,352 ..	20·6
Regent Road Branch .	592 ..	210 ..	802 ..	20,713 ..	25·8
Pendleton Branch	411 ..	130 ..	541 ..	5,427 ..	10·0
Albert Park Branch ...	196 ..	175 ..	371 ..	5,271 ..	14·2
Weaste Branch.....	326 ..	182 ..	508 ..	9,679 ..	19·0
The Height Branch...	210 ..	84 ..	294 ..	9,868 ..	33·5
Totals	2,349 ..	961 ..	3,310 ..	65,102 ..	..
<i>Totals—1911-12 ..</i>	<i>1,831 ..</i>	<i>709 ..</i>	<i>2,540 ..</i>	<i>62,765 ..</i>	<i>..</i>
Averages	335 ..	137 ..	473 ..	9,300 ..	19·2
<i>Averages—1911-12</i>	<i>261 ..</i>	<i>101 ..</i>	<i>362 ..</i>	<i>8,966 ..</i>	<i>24·3</i>

Some notable and gratifying increases are to be observed in the above table when it is compared with that of last year, namely, 518 in the number of enrolled boys, and 252 in that of girls. Thus, the

total number of young people who take our books into their homes is 779 more than was the case a year ago. This number is, indeed, 585 above the average for the eight years since your Committee threw the libraries open to the school children of the town.

The number of issues has increased over last year's by 2,337 volumes, and the stock of juvenile books has been strengthened. The average number of issues per juvenile borrower shows a marked drop. This, however, is more apparent than real, and has been necessarily and artificially produced by the large and sudden accession of borrowers at most of the libraries during the last month of the municipal year—an increase brought about by the kind co-operation of the Education authorities when requested to remind their scholars of the advantages which the public libraries hold out.

The members of the staff are at all times ready to help and advise borrowers, both young and old, in the choice of books, and this assistance is greatly appreciated by many of the younger borrowers.

At all of the libraries fiction naturally comes first in order of choice, consisting among young people mainly of school tales, adventures and fairy tales—these last being borrowed chiefly by girls. Works of History and Biography come next, with Arts and Sciences, and Voyages and Travels following.

The use made of books by home readers in general may be gathered from the following epitome :—

Lending Libraries.	No. of Volumes.	No. of Borrowers.	No. of Issues.	Turn- over.	Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	10,717	1,274	30,627	2.8	24.0
Greengate Branch	11,156	1,481	44,575	3.9	30.1
Regent Road Branch	8,286	1,953	63,051	7.6	32.2
Pendleton Branch	7,865	1,939	48,293	6.1	24.9
Albert Park Branch	7,933	1,892	50,362	6.3	26.6
Weaste Branch.....	6,471	1,849	61,868	9.5	33.4
The Height Branch.....	7,579	1,942	62,081	8.1	31.9
Totals	60,007	12,330	360,857	..	..
Averages	8,572	1,761	51,551	6.3	29.0

The above issues mark an average of over 1,200 each day. Works of fiction, as may be seen from a later table, form the preponderance. Your Committee exercises the greatest care to exclude works of a harmful or degrading nature, and are satisfied that the reading of good and wholesome fiction must have none but a beneficial and recreative effect upon the busy workers of the town. A glance at the list of "Occupations of New Borrowers," page 80, divided into more than 160 sections of the community, will show that not many leisured persons have their names on the roll.

An examination of the tabulated returns on later pages is interesting, and the following statement, extracted from them, shows in epitomized form the use actually made of the public institutions under the control of your Committee :—

1. Number of visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries, Peel Park (turnstiles)	106,697
2. Number of visitors to the Natural History Museum, Buile Hill Park (estimated)	110,229
3. Number of books issued for home reading	360,857
4. Number of books used in the Reading Rooms	242,347
5. Number of readers in the News Rooms.....	1,174,556
6. Number of persons using the Recreation Rooms	498,145
Total	2,492,831

This total indicates an increase of 25,839 upon the figures of last year, and represents more than ten times the population of the town.

Compared with the returns of ten years ago, some striking advances are to be noticed in the importance of the institutions to the public, and the growing appreciation in which they are held. The number of museum visitors has risen by 63,205 ; the number of books taken for reading at the firesides of the people is 84,737 greater ; while 26,824 more books have been used in the reading rooms. The number of readers in the news rooms has advanced by 59,134, and the recreation rooms, not in existence ten years ago, have this year been used by 498,145 persons. The total under all heads amounts to no less a figure than 732,045, representing 41·6 per cent increase in the decade.

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1912-13.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants and Auditors, Society of Incorporated	1
Allen, Mrs. James	1
Australia, High Commissioner for	1
Australia, South, Agent-General for	1
British and Foreign Bible Society	1
British Association for the Advancement of Science	1
British Museum Trustees	18
Buchanan, J. Y., Esq., F.R.S.	1
Carnegie Endowment of International Peace	1
City and Guilds of London Institute	1
Co-operative Union Ltd., Manchester	1
Dublin University	2
Durham University	1
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published).	
Greeno, Follett L., Esq.	1
Hearts of Oak Benefit Society	10
Henshaw's Blind Asylum, Manchester, <i>per</i> Board of Manage- ment	1
Hull Corporation	1
Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner, Messrs., and Company, Ltd.	3
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	3
Law, John D., Esq.	2
Lawrence, Sir Edwin Durning, Bart.	2
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals and Reports from the following :—Aberdeen, Accrington, Altrincham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow- in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bod- leian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Carnegie Institute (Pittsburgh, U.S.A.), Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Coventry, Cripplegate Foundation, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Fal-	

mouth, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Handsworth, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Ipswich, John Rylands Library, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Knutsford, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Maidstone, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), National Museum of Wales, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (U.S.A.), Nicholson Institute (Leek), Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Paisley, Perthshire, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence (U.S.A.), Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherhithe, St.-Annes-on-the-Sea, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shakespeare Memorial Library (Stratford-upon-Avon), Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, South Shields, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Windsor, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, York.

London College of Music	1
London Corporation	1
London Directory Company, Limited.....	1
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews	3
London University	1
Macmillan, Messrs., and Company, Limited	6
Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society	1
Manchester and Salford Provident Dispensaries Association	1
Manchester Corporation	13
Manchester Geological and Mining Society—Transactions.	
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society—Memoirs and Proceedings.	

Manchester Port Sanitary Authority	1
Manchester Statistical Society—Transactions.	
Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited	1
Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Associations	2
National Union of Teachers	1
National University of Ireland	1
Nova Scotia, Agent-General for	1
Patent Office Publications	145
Paton, Messrs. J. and J	1

Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are

presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors:—

Abolitionist, Accountant, Agricultural Economist, Alliance News, Animals' Friend, Anti-Suffrage Review, Arbitrator, Awake, Bible Advocate, Board of Trade Journal, British Friend, British Machinist and Patents, Canada, Canadian, Canadian Mail, Cassier's Magazine, Catholic Federationist, Catholic Times, Chemical Engineering, Child's Guardian, Christian Science Monitor, Christian Science Sentinel, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Clark's Educator, Clerks of Works' Journal, Contractor's Record and Municipal Engineering, Cook's Travellers' Gazette, Co-operative News, Cottager and Artizan, Daily Mail (London Edition), Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Draper, Drapers' Record, Educational Review, Educational Times, Electrician, English Churchman, English Race, Ferro-Concrete, Foresters' Miscellany, Free Russia, Free Trader, Herald of the Golden Age, Homœopathic Review, Insurance Agent and Insurance Review, India, International Theosophical Chronicle, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Labour Gazette, Lancashire and Cheshire Junior Unionist, Land Values, Liberal Monthly, Liberator, Local Government Journal, Machinery Market, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Maritime Review, Midland Counties Herald,

Mothers in Council, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, National Church, Navy League Journal, New Church Magazine, Our Animal Brothers, Paper Maker, Personal Rights Journal, Pioneer of Wisdom, Poor-law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Property List, Representation, The Secretary, Shop Assistant, Socialist Standard, State Correspondent, Stationery World, Surveying and Housing World, Tariff Reform Notes, Theosophist, Universe, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, West Salford Liberal Monthly, White Ribbon, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Perry, Walter, and Company, Limited	1
Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued): Caledonian; Cambrian; Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford; Great Central; Great Eastern; Great Northern; Great Northern (Ireland); Great Southern and Western (Ireland); Great Western; Lancashire and Yorkshire; London and North Western; London, Chatham, and Dover; Midland; Midland Great Western (Ireland); North British; North Eastern; South Eastern.	
Richards, Messrs. Grant, Limited	1
Royal Dublin Society—Transactions and Proceedings.	
Royal Geographical Society	2
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	1
Royal National Mission to Deep-sea Fishermen	8
Royal Society—Proceedings.	
Salford Board of Guardians	2
Salford Corporation	37
Salford Royal Hospital, <i>per</i> Board of Management	1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington	8
Stubbs' Publishing Company	2
Testimony Publishing Company, Chicago	3
University Tutorial Press, London	3
Victoria University of Manchester	1

Wedderburn, Sir William, Bart	1
Willetts, Arthur J., Esq.	1
Working Men's Club and Institute Limited, London	1
Young England Patriotic Association and Anti-Socialist League	10

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS AT THE MUSEUMS.

Year ending 31st Oct.	Museum and Art Galleries. By turnstiles since 1894.			Natural History Museum. Estimated.			Totals.		
	Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.
1850-80	15,154,497	7,584	1,998	..	..	..	15,154,497	7,584	1,998
1881	431,300	263	1,633	..	..	..	431,300	263	1,633
1882	528,940	263	1,213	..	..	..	528,940	263	1,213
1883	540,506	261	2,071	..	..	..	540,506	261	2,071
1884	475,450	261	1,775	..	..	..	475,450	261	1,775
1885	435,000	257	1,696	..	..	..	435,000	257	1,696
1886	376,776	265	1,421	..	..	..	376,776	265	1,421
1887	304,270	256	1,150	..	..	..	304,270	256	1,150
1888	250,500	263	952	..	..	..	250,500	263	952
1889	300,150	261	1,150	..	..	..	300,150	261	1,150
1890	273,700	221	1,238	..	..	..	273,700	221	1,238
1891	200,100	250	800	..	..	..	200,100	250	800
1892	221,155	246	888	..	..	..	221,155	246	888
1893	232,522	263	884	..	..	..	232,522	263	884
1894	153,717	225	683	..	..	..	153,717	225	683
1895	111,178	262	424	..	..	..	111,178	262	424
1896	132,021	285	463	..	..	..	132,021	285	463
1897	149,812	317	472	..	..	..	149,812	317	472
1898	151,058	313	482	..	..	..	151,058	313	482
1899	128,332	306	419	..	..	..	128,332	306	419
1900	132,737	316	428	..	..	..	132,737	316	428
1901	136,234	307	443	..	..	..	136,234	307	443
1902	173,680	311	558	..	..	..	173,680	311	558
1903	153,721	311	494	..	..	..	153,721	311	494
1904	141,586	312	453	..	..	..	141,586	312	453
1905	125,862	311	404	..	..	..	125,862	311	404
1906	110,052	313	351	..	..	..	110,052	313	351
1907	73,147	308	237	86,613	308	281	159,760	308	518
1908	75,099	309	243	88,921	309	287	164,020	309	530
1909	69,277	311	222	82,028	311	263	151,305	311	486
1910	70,413	309	227	106,005	309	343	176,418	309	570
1911	61,941	309	200	81,246	309	262	143,187	309	463
1912	62,652	312	200	69,126	312	221	131,778	312	422
1913	106,697	354	301	110,229	354	311	216,926	354	612
64 years	22,044,082	17,009	1,296	624,168	2,212	282	22,668,250	17,009	1,332

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK, 1912-1913.

Month.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November.....	26	1632	4	962	30	2594	2594	62	240	86
December.....	25	1451	5	740	30	2191	4785	58	148	73
January.....	22	3042	4	782	26	3824	8609	138	155	147
February.....	22	1606	3	1718	25	3324	11933	73	572	132
March.....	25	6061	5	3191	30	9252	21185	242	638	308
April.....	26	3778	4	2664	30	6142	27627	145	666	214
May.....	27	12872	4	3172	31	16044	43671	476	793	517
June.....	25	4908	5	4617	30	9525	53196	196	923	317
July.....	26	12232	4	4395	30	16627	69823	470	1098	554
August.....	26	14656	5	4180	31	18836	88659	563	836	607
September.....	26	6809	4	3488	30	10297	98956	261	872	343
October.....	27	4676	4	3065	31	7741	106697	173	766	249
Totals, &c. ..	303	73723	51	32974	354	106697	106697	243	646	301

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ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.	August Bank Holiday.
1373	2046	4431

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
755	2046	1771	1065	1242	1683	1169	9731

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals.	Averages per Sunday.	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	51	8614	713	9327	182	3893	76
GREENGATE BRANCH	52	23348	..	23348	449	4190	80
REGENT ROAD BRANCH	52	15994	..	15994	307	3518	67
PENDLETON BRANCH	52	5057	99	5156	99	178	3
ALBERT PARK BRANCH	52	6714	608	7322	140	..	..
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS ...	52	2194	30	2224	42	..	..
WEASTE BRANCH	52	3776	203	3979	76	26	..
IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH	52	4578	592	5170	99	12	..
LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS...	52	3163	1258	4421	85	..	..
Totals .....	..	73438	3503	76941	1479	11817	226
			76941				

† This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	TOTALS.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1928	Blue Books { 832 2217 }	1325	6680	..	2867	2745	3457	2822	2908	341	28122
Lending, Peel Park	204	163	198	871	374	526	802	821	736	100	5922	10717
Greengate Branch	283	250	225	1190	63	950	1041	792	840	412	5100	11156
Regent Road Branch	265	153	226	790	261	466	657	508	585	40	4325	8286
Pendleton Branch	213	156	278	{ 885 7528 }	203	500	671	626	606	101	3626	{ 7865 7528 }
Albert Park Branch	293	160	149	695	185	391	460	420	530	213	4437	7933
Weaste Branch	170	174	150	521	90	293	351	300	363	384	3675	6471
Irlams o' th' Height Branch .	187	186	183	581	117	316	438	401	323	307	4540	7579
Totals	3543	4291	2754	19741	1293	6309	7165	7325	6805	4465	31966	95657

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK.		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLESTON READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WASTE BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLANDS' TH' T FLIGHT BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	LEICESTER ROAD READING- ROOMS. (Opened Apr., 1906.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1890.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1894.)										
1850 to 1889.....	2166341	1913983	1639480	1711911	948693	..	..	..	..	..	8380408	1851
1889-90.....	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	..	..	..	..	..	317585	87523
1890-1.....	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	..	..	..	..	329598	..
1891-2.....	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	..	..	..	..	407767	1861
1892-3.....	65924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	..	..	..	..	406126	102449
1893-4.....	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	..	662	..	..	432728	..
1894-5.....	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	..	3799	..	..	435867	1871
1895-6.....	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	..	5321	..	..	419951	124801
1896-7.....	66803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	..	3544	..	..	414791	..
1897-8.....	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	..	6113	..	..	390266	1881
1898-9.....	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	..	6451	..	..	379007	176235
1899-00.....	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	..	8621	..	..	374875	..
1900-1.....	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	..	32381	28957	..	443516	1891
1901-2.....	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	..	49529	55803	..	483418	198139
1902-3.....	64537	33279	55908	78607	57650	86652	..	57773	57237	..	491643	..
1903-4.....	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	..	62605	57206	..	511612	1901
1904-5.....	65568	35753	64676	77668	63531	87308	..	67916	64799	..	527219	220957
1905-6.....	67165	38441	69745	77387	78568	105540	..	83725	74108	..	594679	..
1906-7.....	68464	38435	68373	72220	68496	91149	..	90017	78938	..	576092	..
1907-8.....	64952	39152	68885	78750	68673	89729	..	90825	82915	..	583881	1911
1908-9.....	69128	38110	78512	90040	73629	87401	..	91707	84186	..	613313	231380
1909-10.....	67514	35368	75567	91410	74224	81607	..	97302	82965	..	605957	..
1910-11.....	68569	31248	71313	79744	79989	78636	..	94967	80173	..	584639	..
1911-12.....	69034	31535	73228	89024	80981	75848	..	98980	86260	..	604890	..
1912-13.....	69000	30627	75661	89866	75566	75343	..	96216	90925	..	603204	..
Totals	3,707,780	2,686,429	3,081,184	3,712,102	2,691,657	2,060,954	..	1,048,454	924,472	..	19,913,032	Present Estimated 233819
6,394,209												
Number of Readers in the Reading Rooms, 1912-13..)	201,514		234,861	133,328	119,696	98,653	27,529	191,377	126,507	41,091	1,174,556	
Attendance in Rec- itation Rooms, 1912-13 .....	....		167,890	116,785	105,137	..	34,619	23,710	..	50,004	498,145	
Totals	201,514		402,751	250,113	224,833	98,653	62,148	215,087	126,507	91,095	1,672,701	

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

Lending Libraries.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	Salford.	Pendleton.	Broughton.	Manchester and Outlying Districts.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	323	186	99	39	21	12	261	88	154	177	397	171	69	43	680	1274
Greengate Branch	460	161	68	29	22	5	274	164	28	279	509	10	214	12	745	1481
Regent Road Branch ..	597	167	125	55	49	7	523	175	49	253	834	156	3	7	1000	1953
Pendleton Branch	474	207	125	47	47	30	256	168	73	433	8	904	8	10	930	1939
Albert Park Branch ...	382	230	122	63	67	73	343	68	103	423	7	10	890	30	937	1892
Weaste Branch	473	186	160	56	51	52	193	118	112	555	76	898	..	4	978	1849
Irlands o' th' Height Branch.	335	215	193	135	73	1	323	61	303	205	..	846	1	105	952	1942
Totals	3044	1352	892	424	330	180	2173	842	822	2385	1831	2995	1185	211	6222	12330

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES AND READING-ROOMS.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Attendance in Recreation Rooms.	Daily Average.
Peel Park	1306	1676	2463	6094	2300	2151	31583	19648	1779	69000	230	299	201514	670	..	..	..
Greengate Branch	322	304	140	601	285	675	8420	17914	2425	31086	101	306	234861	767	306	167890	548
Regent Road Branch	222	268	287	343	356	331	384	23893	731	26815	89	300	133328	444	300	116785	389
Pendleton Branch	175	206	222	273	220	387	378	24690	722	27273	89	303	119696	392	305	105137	344
Albert Park Branch	3	17	8	44	26	43	7246	17562	32	24981	81	306	98653	322	..	..	..
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	306	27529	89	306	34619	113
Waste Branch	131	105	71	238	105	104	16378	16738	478	34348	112	306	191377	625	300	23710	79
Irlams o' th' Height Branch	120	149	309	547	321	472	800	25382	744	28844	94	306	126507	413	..	..	..
Leicester Rd. Read'g-Rooms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	306	41091	134	306	50004	163
Totals	2279	2725	3500	8140	3613	4163	65189	145827	6911	242347	796	..	1174556	3856	..	498145	1636

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Musie.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park	182	119	224	1078	1159	336	644	532	434	25859	30627	104	294
Greengate Branch	34	65	157	1032	303	331	718	843	3196	37896	44575	148	301
Regent Road Branch	357	234	635	1217	743	1183	1131	639	929	55983	63051	210	300
Pendleton Branch	110	74	247	1061	1002	369	622	310	1039	43459	48233	161	299
Albert Park Branch	322	153	298	969	829	607	1001	660	793	44730	50362	167	300
Waste Branch	214	256	309	1306	560	608	1161	440	2698	54316	6168	205	301
Irlams o' th' Height Branch	219	170	332	1128	998	639	888	570	3012	54125	62081	206	300
Totals	1438	1071	2202	7791	5594	4133	6165	3994	12101	316368	360857	1201	..

ANALYSIS OF STOCK AND ISSUES OF MUSIC FROM THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

Principal Classes.	PEEL PARK.		GREENGATE.		REGENT ROAD		PENDLETON.		ALBERT PARK.		WEASTE.		IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT.		TOTALS.	
	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1912-13	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1912-13	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1912-13	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1912-13	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1912-13	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1912-13	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1912-13	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1912-13
Operas.....	108	464	19	167	23	111	42	282	23	132	26	191	37	323	278	1670
Oratorios	42	36	2	..	11	18	14	39	10	10	3	7	7	6	89	116
Pianoforte Albums	49	181	18	14	113	189	10	258	51	307	23	113	29	371	293	1433
Ditto (Juveniles)	14	48	2	11	12	40	8	88	10	23	2	19	1	15	49	244
Pianoforte Pieces and Songs (combined in one vol.) ...	35	53	7	23	12	46	23	65	17	59	12	146	3	93	109	485
Songs.....	50	103	8	58	46	80	36	121	26	84	14	53	34	181	214	680
Selections, Sonatas, Over- tures, &c.	49	212	7	30	26	162	54	74	32	164	1	1	1	6	170	649
Violin Albums	16	58	..	..	15	76	14	56	13	45	1	1	..	..	59	236
Organ	11	4	..	..	3	20	2	19	3	5	8	29	5	3	32	80
Totals	374	1159	63	303	261	742	203	1002	185	829	90	560	117	998	1293	5593

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	341	79	Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	10	..
Actor and Actress	1	1	Electricians, and Electric Coil and Switch Makers	54	2
Agents and Collectors	33	5	Embroiderers .....	..	12
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	296	86	Engineers, Civil	16	..
Architect and Surveyor	1	..	Engineers, Electrical	10	..
Army Pensioner	1	..	Engineers, Mechanical	32	..
Artists	3	1	Engravers	17	..
Bakers and Confectioners...	10	25	Envelope Makers.....	..	3
Billiard Markers	2	..	Factory Operatives.....	27	79
Bioscope Operator	1	..	Fancy Box Makers .....	..	6
Blacksmiths and Strikers...	5	..	Fishmongers and Poulterers.	3	..
Boiler Makers	4	..	Fitters and Mechanics	59	..
Bookbinders	7	7	Florists .....	..	2
Booksellers and Stationers..	3	1	Folders and Sewers .....	..	10
Bootmakers and Dealers....	9	1	Foremen and Forewomen...	10	3
Brewer	1	..	French Polishers	2	2
Bricklayers and Masons	21	..	Furnaceman	1	..
Brigade Firemen	2	..	Gardener	1	..
Brushmaker	1	..	Gas Inspectors	9	..
Builders and Contractors ...	3	..	Glass Blowers	2	..
Butchers	14	1	Greengrocers	4	..
Cap Makers .....	..	6	Grocers	20	..
Caretakers	8	3	Hairdressers	9	..
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers.....	45	..	Hosepipe Maker	1	..
Carters, Vanmen, &c.	15	..	Housekeepers .....	..	190
Cashiers	16	11	Instrument Makers	2	..
Chemists and Druggists ...	25	..	Insurance Inspectors and Superintendents	9	..
Chimney Sweeper	1	..	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, &c.....	84	..
Cigar and Cigarette Makers ..	..	2	Journalists	3	..
Civil Service Official	1	..	Knitter .....	..	1
Clergymen and Ministers...	9	..	Labourers and Porters	175	..
Cloth Stampers .....	..	2	Ladies' Companions .....	..	2
Coach Builders	6	..	Lamplighters	3	..
Coachmen and Grooms	3	..	Laundresses .....	..	7
Coal Merchants	2	..	Lay Reader .....	..	1
Coal Miners	28	..	Licensed Victuallers	9	2
Commercial Travellers.....	30	..	Lithographers	3	..
Cooks .....	..	4	Machinists	2	135
Cooper	1	..	Makers-up and Packers.....	31	7
Core Makers	4	..	Managers and Manageresses.	11	1
Corset Maker .....	..	1	Manicurist .....	..	1
Costumiers .....	..	9	Manufacturers and Merchants	6	..
Crane Drivers	2	..	Married .....	..	580
Dentists	2	..	Midwife .....	..	1
Designers	7	1	Milk Dealers	7	1
Dispenser of Medicine .....	..	1	Miller	1	..
Domestic Servants .....	..	64	Milliners .....	..	16
Dramatist	1	..	Millwright	1	..
Drapers and Haberdashers..	6	14	Motormen	13	..
Draughtsmen	33	..	Musicians	12	10
Dress and Mantle Makers...	..	69			

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS—*continued*.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
None or Not Stated.....	89	291	Secretaries	4	..
Nurses .....	..	25	Sempstress .....	..	1
Oil Refiner	1	..	Ship's Rigger	1	..
Packing-case Maker	1	..	Shirt Makers	5	10
Painters and Decorators ...	22	..	Shop Assistants	14	55
Paper Bag Makers	1	4	Shopkeepers	15	14
Paper Makers, Rulers, &c... 1	1	1	Solicitors	2	..
Paper Sorter .....	..	1	Stamp Maker	1	..
Pattern Card Makers	10	..	Stoker	1	..
Pattern Makers	17	..	Storekeepers	10	..
Paviors	4	..	Students	37	29
Pawnbrokers	5	..	Tailoresses .....	..	30
Photographers	1	2	Tailors and Outfitters	23	..
Physicians and Surgeons.... 3	..	..	Telephone Operators	4	15
Plumbers and Glaziers	23	..	Timekeepers	6	..
Police Officers	13	..	Tin Plate Worker	1	..
Post Office Employés	25	6	Tobacconists	4	2
Printers, Compositors, and			Tram Conductors	17	..
Feeders	39	7	Typists	4	82
Railway Employés	20	..	Umbrella Maker .....	..	1
Rubber Workers	9	13	Undertaker	1	..
Saddlers and Harness Makers 3	..	..	Upholsterers	1	1
Salesmen and Buyers..... 34	..	..	Waiters and Waitresses..... 4	7	
Saleswomen .....	..	6	Warehousemen and Women. 83	8	
Sanitary Inspectors	4	1	Watchmakers and Jewellers. 6	..	
School Attendance Officers.. 2	..	..	Wheelwrights	3	..
School Children	1137	520	Wire Drawers	9	..
Schoolmasters and Mistresses 9	8		Wood Turners and Carvers.. 4	..	
School Teachers	33	185			

Males 3429

Females..... 2793

Total 6222

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, MANDLEY, AND CLAREMONT PARKS.

The work of the Parks Committee during the past year has again been marked by very considerable alterations and extensions.

The most important is the acquisition of $47\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land adjoining Bolton Road for the purpose of recreation, mainly for such games as football and cricket.

Also a plot of land, two acres in extent, off West Wynford Street, Weaste, has been taken over from the Improvement Committee, and adapted for the purpose of a Recreation Ground.

A "street island" has been formed, fenced, and planted at Broadway, off Trafford Road.

Improved facilities have been provided for the use of the various Recreation Grounds by fixing 18 sets of goal posts on these grounds for the use of Junior Football Clubs.

A footpath, half a mile in length, leading from the Crescent to Broughton, has been constructed, fenced from the park and river, well lighted, and was opened for continuous use by Alderman Rudman, J.P., on September 30th, and at the same time His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Ollier, J.P., declared the Walness Lane closed for use as a public footpath.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received the necessary attention, namely:—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Walness Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, King Street (The Height), Chapter Square, Regent

Square, The Crescent Land, and the Duchy Land (Broad Street). It is found that the more constant supervision given to the above considerably adds to their utility.

BOWLING GREENS.

The past season has shown a great improvement in the use of the Public Bowling Greens, which have been maintained in a very satisfactory condition.

The total receipts from the twelve bowling greens during the past year has been £583 6s. 6d., and the number of players 69,999, as compared with £435 11s. 2d., and 52,267 last year. The returns from the several bowling greens are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players.
Peel Park (two greens)	86	2	10	....	10,337
Buile Hill Park (two greens)	102	7	6	....	12,285
Albert Park (two greens)	102	19	2	....	12,355
Ordsall Park (two greens)	83	2	4	....	9,974
Mandley Park (two greens)	109	0	0	....	13,080
Charlestown Recreation Ground (one green)	40	7	6	....	4,845
King Street (The Height) (one green)	59	7	2	....	7,123
	<u>£583</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	....	<u>69,999</u>

LAWN TENNIS.

This form of recreation has also shown a marked improvement, and the 25 Tennis Courts have been very fully used.

The receipts are £162 4s. 8d., and the number of players 19,468, as compared with £109 5s. 4d., and 13,112 last year. The returns from the several tennis courts are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players.
Peel Park (seven courts)	24	18	8	....	2,992
Buile Hill Park (eight courts)	49	6	0	....	5,916
Albert Park (five courts)	48	18	0	....	5,868
Mandley Park (two courts)	17	9	0	....	2,094
Claremont Park (three courts)	21	13	0	....	2,598
	<u>£162</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	....	<u>19,468</u>

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

The band performances have been very well attended by the public, and have been an important attraction to the parks during the summer evenings.

There has been about 300 deck chairs provided around the band stand at Buile Hill, for the use of which a charge of one penny is made. They have been fairly well used, but there has been no excessive demand for them.

The following bands were engaged :—

Salford Police Band.
 Salford Tramways Military Band.
 Northern Military Band.
 Manchester Postmen's Military Band.
 Pendleton Old Prize Band.
 Irwell Old Prize Band.
 South Salford Silver Prize Band.
 Whit Lane Prize Band.
 Salford Military Band.
 Certified Industrial School Band.
 Barnes' Home Industrial School Band.
 St. Joseph's Boys' Military Band.
 Weaste Public Prize Band.
 Pendleton Co-operative Brass Band.
 7th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers Band.
 8th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers' Band.
 Salford Dock Mission. Boys' Brass Band.

The number of performances given was 75, as against 72 last year.

	£	s.	d.
Total Cost of Bands.....	354	15	0
Police Attendance	6	15	0
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	£361	10	0

as against £345 15s. last year.

PEEL PARK COTTAGE WINDOW GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The thirty-second annual exhibition was held in Peel Park on August 1st, 2nd, and 4th last, and was a success in every way, and a source of enjoyment to many thousands of visitors.

The prices for admission were, as previously, adults 2d., children under 12 years of age 1d.

The number of visitors was 24,894, as against 23,828 last year.

The total receipts for admission amounted to £134 19s. 9d., as against £130 10s. last year.

The number of plants sold was 8,855, as against 9,145 last year.

The total value of prizes awarded was £127 19s., as against £130 2s. 6d. last year.

The drawing competition organised for children attending the Elementary Schools again formed a very attractive and interesting display.

The judges reported a very considerable improvement in the quality of the work sent in for competition, and the Parks Committee highly appreciate the valuable assistance given by the teachers.

There were 1,197 exhibitors ; 100 prizes were awarded, to the value of £14 10s., including four special prizes presented by C. A. M. Barlow, Esq., M.P.

The exhibition was opened on August 1st by the Mayoress of Salford (Mrs. Ollier), supported by His Worship the Mayor (Alderman W. Ollier, J. P.), the Chairman of the Museums, Libraries and Parks Committee (Alderman A. Worsley, J.P.), the Chairman of the Exhibition Sub-Committee (Alderman S. Rudman, J.P.), and a large and representative number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work.

Special prizes were given in the Horticultural Section by the Mayor, Mrs. C. J. Heywood, the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Casartelli),

Mrs. Frankenburg, and two Gold Medals were given by James Brown, Esq., J.P., of Longfield, Heaton Mersey.

The following is a list of the principal work carried out during the year :—

PEEL PARK.

The purchase has been completed of the 12 acres of land known as Walness Meadows, adjoining Peel Park, and the Walness Lane closed.

A small plot of land adjoining Walness Lane was purchased for £50. This has been levelled up by the tipping of 3,373 loads, for which £42 3s. 3d. was received.

The urinal near the Victoria Arch has been taken down and rebuilt.

A new cart shed has been built.

3,500 yards of asphalte around the Band Stand has been tarred and sparred over.

The roadway at the Victoria Entrance has been repaved with new setts.

BUILE HILL PARK.

The walks on the south terrace have been drained by the laying of 200 yards of pipes, and the walks asphalted to the extent of 600 yards.

Four classical busts and pedestals removed from Peel Park and fixed on this terrace.

A large shrubbery on the north side of the stables has been cleared, walks made over the land, a boundary wall 70 yards long by 9 feet high built, and four shelters have been built against this wall. This alteration adds greatly to the comfort of visitors.

A large collection of chrysanthemums were again grown and exhibited to the public. The exhibit was visited by several thousands of people, and greatly appreciated.

The planting of 200 forest trees in this park has been done.

ALBERT PARK.

A flight of steps has been removed from the Great Cheetham Street entrance, a sloping roadway made, and 3,600 yards of asphalt repaired, tarred and sparred over.

CRESCENT LAND.

The levelling up of this land, so far as practicable, was completed on January 25th, and the number of loads tipped from 14th October, 1912, to 25th January, 1913, was 18,834, for which £235 8s. 6d. was received.

One hundred and thirty yards of the river bank has been formed and planted, and 300 yards of fences fixed.

(Signed) ALFRED WORSLEY, .
Chairman.

The Museum, Peel Park,
October, 1913.



COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

SIXTY-SIXTH

REPORT

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J. H. SMITH, *Senior Assistant.*

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JOSEPH TAYLOR, *Evening Attendant.*

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FRANCIS ORR, *Assistant.*

PETER AGNEW, *Assistant.*

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FRANCIS HARL, *Attendant.*

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ALFRED WILSHER, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their report for the year ended 31st October, 1914, the sixty-sixth report since the inauguration of the Public Library and Museum in Peel Park, on 13th June, 1849.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

During the past year steady progress has been maintained in the development of the collections, a progress marked by many interesting and purposeful additions, and also by developments within the existing sections of the museum. In the Children's Room window-cases have been supplied, and in them are exhibited specimens illustrating the early history of the town. This small series commences with objects from the Mode Wheel, Ordsall, Lower Broughton and Kersal districts, supplying evidence that neolithic man inhabited the neighbourhood, and giving a glimpse of local history at a period anterior to 2,000 B.C. The series reinforces and for much of the way runs parallel to that of some plans and drawings which are exhibited to illustrate the growth of the inhabited town.

To the section dealing with furniture and wood-carvings, several important pieces, listed on a later page, have been added by purchase, the Board of Education contributing one-half of the cost. For this welcome aid, and for the advice and help always so readily and generously accorded by the Board's officers, your Committee is much

indebted. Among the objects are a fine Elizabethan inlaid oak arm-chair, an oak box-chair dated 1660, a chair dated 1664 from the Orkneys, a beautiful oak and inlaid cabinet, about 1665, a carved and inlaid Jacobean coffer, and a table of the same period. These are all good typical pieces.

Added to the wrought-iron section are some brackets and door-grilles of the Georgian period, also a three-light brass wall-bracket for candles and a twelve-light chandelier, both of the time of Charles II., as well as some electrotypes mentioned elsewhere in this report.

The collection of furniture and wood-carvings in Room E has been re-arranged, so as to run generally in chronological periods. Many gaps, which necessarily exist in the developing collections, have been temporarily filled by loans specially granted from the Victoria and Albert Museum. The re-adjustment of the collection has been facilitated by the transference of some casts of important pieces of Italian Renaissance plastic sculpture to Room B, where they are now associated with glyptic works of the same class.

Some re-arrangement has been effected among the pottery and porcelain, so as to make room for the exhibition of a few examples of old English pewter which have been added during the year.

A notable and welcome addition has been made to the fine arts section by the gift of a picture, a charming example of the work of J. F. Herring, senior, generously made by Mr. Councillor Burnley, J.P., a member of the Committee.

Other gifts, for which your Committee is grateful, are elsewhere recorded. Among them might perhaps be named the lovely Greek statue (cast), *The Mourning Woman*, about 300 B.C., given by the trustees of the British Museum; some prehistoric flint implements, &c., from Northfleet (Le Moustier period) and from Swanscombe and Ash, in Kent (eolithic and palæolithic) given by Sir Hercules Read, of the British Museum; a series of flint implements with antler picks, &c., neolithic, from the flint-mines, Grime's Graves, a donation from

the Prehistoric Society of East Anglia ; a series of specimens illustrating the manufacture of pottery vessels and tiles, given by Mr. Joseph Burton ; and some engravings and drawings of local interest, a gift from Mr. G. H. Rowbotham.

The objects on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum have been changed. The new collections comprise some beautiful examples of porcelain, early Worcester, Bristol, Chelsea, Bow, Rockingham, Caughley, and other pieces ; several examples of textiles, chiefly Egyptian, Italian, French and Spanish ; and the pieces of furniture already mentioned.

The Cavalry Club, London, kindly lent, by request, Mr. J. C. Dollman's picture, *A Very Gallant Gentleman*, painted to perpetuate the memory of Captain Oates, who died on the Scott Expedition to the Antarctic, 1910-13.

During the year under review the following loans have been made :—To the Nottingham Art Gallery, *Famine*, by J. C. Dollman, R.W.S., and *Wild Wales*, by B. W. Leader, R.A. ; to the Burnley Art Gallery, Towneley Hall, *Defoe in the Pillory*, by Eyre Crowe, A.R.A., and *The Queen of the Tournaments*, by P. H. Calderon, R.A. ; and to the Bristol International Exhibition, *Wooden Walls of Queen Victoria*, by F. Baden-Powell, M.A.

Although the scheme has not yet matured for the paying of organised visits by scholars to the Museums, yet during the year over two hundred children with their teachers visited the Museum and Art Galleries in classes, note-books in hand. In addition to this, the Curator met several small groups of teachers, and explained to them the collections in the Children's Room ; besides giving to some advanced and art classes museum talks on architecture, sculpture, furniture, and other subjects.

The attendance of visitors has almost doubled since 1911-12, when the Friday closing was discontinued, and the education authorities co-operated with your Committee to encourage children to visit the

galleries. The figures of attendance show that 115,805 persons passed through the turnstiles during the year. In 1911-12, the number was 62,625 persons.

DONATIONS.

BRITISH MUSEUM, THE TRUSTEES OF THE—

Casts of Sculpture :

Bas-relief, War-galley. *Assyrian*, 705—681 B.C.

Bas-relief, The Moabite Stone. *Phœnician*, circa. 890 B.C.

Statue, The Mourning Woman. *Greek*, circa, 300 B.C.

BURNLEY, Mr. COUNCILLOR, J.P.—

Oil-painting, *Preparing for Market*, by J. F. Herring, Senr.

BURTON, JOSEPH, Esq.—

Pottery, Series of specimens illustrating the manufacture of.

EAST ANGLIA, PREHISTORIC SOCIETY OF—

Flint implements, Series of, with antler picks, and blocks of chalk showing thong- and pick-marks, from Grime's Graves, *Weeting, Norfolk*. Neolithic.

INGLEBY, J., Junr.—

Flint arrow- and spear-heads, &c., Sixteen, from *Ancaster*, near *Hamilton, Ontario, Canada*.

PRATT, S. A. K., Esq., per A. RIDYARD, Esq.—

Brass vessel in form of a calabash. *Bida, Northern Nigeria*.

READ, Sir C. HERCULES, F. S. A., BRITISH MUSEUM—

Flint Implements, &c., palæolithic (Le Moustier period), from Northfleet, Kent.

Flint implements, &c., eolithic and palæolithic, from *Ash* and *Swanscombe, Kent*. (Richard Jones Bequest).

ROWBOTHAM, G. H., Esq.—

Pipe-heads, Five sheets of coloured drawings of North American Indian ; from burial mounds, Ohio, 1865.

Engravings, &c.—Frame I. (i.) Engraving, "The South-West Prospect of Manchester," S. & N. Buck del. & sculp., 1728 (panoramic view). (ii.) Engraving : "A Plan of

Manchester and Salford, taken about 1650 " (Yates).
 (iii.) Photo-lithograph of "A Plan of Manchester and Salford, taken about 1650 " (Berry's).

Frame II. (i.) Engraving: "The South-West Prospect of Manchester and Salford" (1754 or 1757), panoramic view, possibly unique; (ii.) photo-lithograph of panoramic view, "The South-West Prospect of Manchester and Salford," from Berry and Casson's plan of 1751.

Water-colour drawing by the donor: "Old Booth Hall, Green-gate, Salford, 1880."

Oil-painting by the donor from an engraving of Ordsall Hall, 1800.

PURCHASES.

Arm-chair, oak. *Elizabethan*.

Box-chair, oak, dated 1660.

Chair, dated 1664. *Orkneys*.

Cabinet, oak, inlaid. *Jacobean*.

Coffer, oak, carved, and inlaid. *Jacobean*.

Table, oak. *Jacobean*.

Knife-case, about 1765-70. *English*.

Pewter dish, two plates, two vases, two flagons and three salts.

English, 17th and 18th century.

Copper kettle. *Charles I.*

Steel kettle-rest. *Charles II.*

Wrought-iron brackets, two. *Georgian*.

Wrought-iron brackets, pair. *Georgian*.

Wrought-iron door-grilles. *Queen Anne*.

Sussex cast-iron fire-back, dated 1649.

Brass 3-light candle-bracket. *Charles II.*

Brass 12-light chandelier. *Charles II.*

Horse-collar, carved wood. *Norwegian*.

Ironing-board, carved wood. *Norwegian*.

Electrotypes—

Ewer and basin, silver. *French*, second half 18th century.

Bowl. *Spanish*, 17th century.

Candlestick. *French* (Paris), 1714-15.

Candlestick. *English* (London), 1682-3.

Cup, Two-handled. *English*, 1706-7.

Tea-pot. *Dutch*, c. 1830.

Tea-caddy, *Dutch* (Amsterdam), 1747.

Mazer. *English*, c. 1450.

Hinges, locks and other pieces of small ornamental ironwork (coloured casts). *English, French, German, Italian*, 16th to 18th century.

LOANS.

CAVALRY CLUB, LONDON, through Major Darley, D.S.O.—

Oil-painting, *A Very Gallant Gentleman*, by J. C. Dollman, R.W.S., the Oates Memorial picture.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM—

Porcelain, Collection of.

Furniture, Several pieces of. Chippendale, Hepplewhite, Queen Anne, Stuart.

Brocades, &c., Several framed examples of.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.

Continued progress marks the work at the Natural History Museum, where the collections yearly increase in usefulness. The section devoted to British Ornithology has received several additions, among them specimens of the Ringed Sand-Plover, the Hen Harrier, the Eider Duck, the Ruddy Sheld-Duck, the Golden-eye Duck, the Long-tailed Duck, the Merganser, and the Goosander.

A large case in Room IX. has been prepared with internal setting, suggestive of natural surroundings, for the Marsupials, and the following specimens have already been prepared, mounted, and placed in the case: Bennett's Wallaby, Flying Phalanger, Pigmy Flying Phalanger, Pouched Mouse and Duckbill.

In the same room another large case has been similarly prepared for Ungulates, and among the specimens already mounted and placed in it are the Burchell's Zebra and the White-tailed Gnu.

The groups of British Marine Diving Birds, British Game Birds, and British Herons have been cleaned and re-labelled ; and a young Northern Fur Seal has been mounted and placed with the adult specimen in the Polar group.

A Burmese Elephant's skull, sectionalised by the taxidermist, is an interesting addition, showing, as it does, the structure of the air-cavities in the diploë, and the manner in which the great molar teeth are developed.

The Mineralogical and Geological collections are being cleaned, revised, and where necessary re-labelled, so as to bring them into line with the results of recent research, as has already been done with the Conchological collections.

The Museum continues to retain its attractiveness, and has been visited by large numbers during the year.

DONATIONS.

BRAZENOR, H., Esq.—

The following skins : British Seal, Northern Fur Seal (young), Canadian Marmot, Marmoset, Ruddy Sheld-Duck, Great Crested Grebe, Manchurian Pheasant (male), Ringed Sand-Plover, Long-tailed Duck, Jerboa.

INGLEBY, J., Junior, Esq.—

Skins of White-footed Deer-mice, pair.

JENNISON, GEORGE, Esq.—

Skins of North American Bison, Sambar Deer, Sykes' Guenon, Chimpanzees (one female, two males), and Spotted Dasyure.

Tonge, T. H., Esq., *per* Mr. Alderman Worsley, J.P.—

Fox, female, in the flesh.

LOANS.

CAPTAIN LORD—

Cape Buffalo, Two mounted heads of.

Water-buck, Two mounted heads of.

Popi Antelope, Two mounted skulls of.

LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

In the Libraries and Reading Rooms some simple but important changes have been made in administration, and marked progress is to be observed, with an increasing appreciation of the work of your Committee.

During the year under observation, the cumbrous ledger system of recording issues of books at all the lending libraries has given place to the card-charging method, with the result that books are now issued with ease and rapidity, relieving congestion at the counters, and saving the time both of borrowers and of the staff.

The charge of one penny for each borrower's card has been abrogated, thus removing an obstacle from the path of the borrower. The rules are still under consideration with the view of revising them in such a way as still further to encourage persons in greater numbers to make use of the public libraries of the town.

Your Committee have made special arrangements for the admission of School Teachers to the shelves of the Libraries, in order to afford them exceptional facilities in research connected with their professional work of teaching the young.

Obsolete and worn-out books are periodically discarded from the shelves, and the stock is maintained in its normal efficiency by necessary replacements, and by carefully-selected additions.

The following table gives the number of books added to the libraries during the year, and shows an increase of 984 over last year. It indicates an average of 407 new books supplied to each lending library, as compared with 298 in 1912-13.

REPLACEMENTS AND NEW BOOKS.

Libraries.	Replacements.	New.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park	— ..	410 ..	410
Lending, Peel Park	198 ..	324 ..	522
Greengate Branch	142 ..	454 ..	596
Regent Road Branch.....	124 ..	480 ..	604
Pendleton Branch	106 ..	422 ..	528
Albert Park Branch	156 ..	246 ..	402
Weaste Branch.....	129 ..	490 ..	619
The Height Branch.....	42 ..	430 ..	472
Totals	897	3,256	4,153

The stock of music in the lending libraries has been increased by 136 volumes, consisting principally of carefully chosen operas, pianoforte pieces and songs, for valuable work in the selection of which your Committee are greatly indebted to Mr. Alderman Phillips. The issues, numbering 7,304, are greater by 1,711 than those of last year.

The roll of active borrowers at the libraries has never contained so many names as it does now, the number being 14,156, a figure greater by 1,826 than those in the last return. This is a remarkable increase, and is largely due to the enrolment of school children—a source of gratification to your Committee, because it makes for the early cultivation of the invaluable reading habit that opens the gates to so many fields of inestimable pleasure and fruitful research.

The following table shows at a glance the number of juvenile borrowers at each of the libraries, besides the use which they have made of the books supplied for home reading.

BORROWERS UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND ISSUES OF
BOOKS TO THEM FOR HOME READING.

Lending Libraries.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Issues.	Average Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	333 ..	42 ..	375 ..	5,316 ..	14·2
Greengate Branch	591 ..	202 ..	793 ..	14,898 ..	18·7
Regent Road Branch .	827 ..	483 ..	1,310 ..	26,286 ..	20·0
Pendleton Branch	614 ..	272 ..	886 ..	15,692 ..	17·7
Albert Park Branch ...	245 ..	230 ..	475 ..	9,585 ..	20·1
Weaste Branch.....	377 ..	274 ..	651 ..	13,266 ..	20·3
The Height Branch...	193 ..	99 ..	292 ..	12,562 ..	43·0
Totals	3,180 ..	1,602 ..	4,782 ..	97,605 ..	22·0
<i>Totals—1912-13 ..</i>	<i>2,349 ..</i>	<i>961 ..</i>	<i>3,310 ..</i>	<i>65,102 ..</i>	<i>19·2</i>

In the above table, the following gratifying increases will be observed over the returns for last year, namely, 831 in the number of boys and 641 in that of girls on the roll of borrowers; while 32,503 more books were taken by young people to read in their homes, the average per borrower reaching 22 volumes, as compared with 19·2 last year.

The following statement epitomises returns taken from other pages, and shows the use which home readers in general have made of the libraries during the year.

Lending Libraries.	No. of Volumes.	No. of Borrowers.	No. of Issues.	Turn- over.	Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	10,947	1,362	36,656	3.3	26.9
Greengate Branch	9,109	1,762	48,017	5.2	27.2
Regent Road Branch	8,085	2,756	67,008	8.3	24.3
Pendleton Branch	8,284	2,231	55,248	6.7	24.7
Albert Park Branch	8,067	2,031	54,271	6.7	26.7
Weaste Branch	6,943	2,098	65,338	9.4	31.1
The Height Branch	7,958	1,916	68,537	8.6	35.7
Totals	59,393	14,156	395,075	..	..
Averages	8,485	2,022	56,439	6.9	28.1

The average number of borrowers, 2,022, at each library, shows an increase of 261 upon last year's record; and the average total number of books daily issued from all the lending libraries is 1,314, as compared with 1,201 in the previous year.

A reference to the tables which record attendances, issues of books, and other information further indicates the marked development in the popularity and usefulness of the libraries and reading rooms. For instance, the total number of persons attending the news rooms, 1,227,425, is 52,869 above last year's record; that of those using the recreation rooms, 560,769, marks an increase of 62,624 attendances; while the total number of books issued for home reading, 395,075, is 34,218 greater than that of the issues of the previous twelve months.

The following epitomised statement, taken from the tabulated returns, shows at a glance the extent of the influence exerted by the public institutions controlled by your Committee:—

1. Number of visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries,	
Peel Park (turnstiles)	115,805
2. Number of visitors to the Natural History Museum, Buile	
Hill Park (estimated)	90,905

3. Number of books issued for home reading	395,075
4. Number of books used in the Reading Rooms	246,304
5. Number of readers in the News Rooms.....	1,227,425
6. Number of persons using the Recreation Rooms	560,769
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Total	2,636,283
<i>Total, 1912-13</i>	<i>2,492,831</i>
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Increase.....	143,452
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LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1913-14.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants and Auditors, Society of Incorporated	1
Anonymous	1
Australia, High Commissioner for	1
Barningham, Thomas, Esq.....	5
British Association for the Advancement of Science.....	1
British Museum Trustees	17
Buxton, Noel, Esq., M.P.	1
City and Guilds of London Institute	2
Co-operative Union Ltd., Manchester	2
Dublin University	3
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published).	
Faragher, J. J., Esq., B.A.....	1
Fryer, Alfred C., Esq.	1
Hardy, Ernest W., Esq.....	1
Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.....	10
Henshaw's Blind Asylum, Manchester, <i>per</i> Board of Manage- ment	1
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	3
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, Reports, &c., from the following :—Aberdeen, Accring- ton, Altrincham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bourne- mouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Bury,	

Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Carnegie Institute (Pittsburgh, U.S.A.), Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Colchester, Coventry, Cripplegate Foundation, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Edinburgh, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Falmouth, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Handsworth, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Ilkley, Ipswich, John Rylands Library, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Knutsford, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Library of Congress (Washington), Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Maidstone, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), National Museum of Wales, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (U.S.A.), Nicholson Institute (Leek), Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Paisley, Perthshire, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence (U.S.A.), Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherhithe, St. Annes-on-the-Sea, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shakespeare Memorial Library (Stratford-upon-Avon), Sheffield, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, South Shields, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, University of Manchester (Manchester Museum), Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Windsor, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, York.

London College of Music	1
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews	3

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
London University	1
MacFarlane, D. L., Esq.....	1
Macmillan, Messrs., and Company, Limited	3
Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society	1
Manchester and Salford Provident Dispensaries Association	1
Manchester Corporation	13
Manchester Geological and Mining Society—Transactions.	
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society—Memoirs and Proceedings.	
Manchester Port Sanitary Authority	1
Manchester Statistical Society—Transactions.	
National Academy of Sciences, Washington	1
National Union of Teachers	1
National University of Ireland	1
Order of the Cross, Executive Council of the	1
Patent Office Publications	134
Paton, Messrs. J. and J	1
Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors :— Accountant, Agricultural Economist, Alliance News, Animals' Friend, Anti-Suffrage Review, Arbitrator, Awake, Bible Advocate, Bird Notes and News, Board of Trade Journal, Canadian News, Cassier's Magazine, Catholic Federationist, Catholic Times, Chemical Engineering, Child's Guardian, Christian Science Monitor, Christian Science Sentinel, Church Gazette, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Clark's Educator, The Clerk, Clerks of Works' Journal, Contractor's Record and Municipal Engineering, Cook's Travellers' Gazette, Co-operative News, Cottager and Artizan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Draper, Educational Times, Elec- trician, English Churchman, Foresters' Miscellany, Free Russia, Free Trader, Herald of Health, Herald of the Golden Age, Insurance Agent and Insurance Review,	

India, International Theosophical Chronicle, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Labour Gazette, Lancashire and Cheshire Junior Unionist, Land Values, Liberal Monthly, Liberator, Lifeboat, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, Machinery Market, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Maritime Review, Midland Counties Herald, Mothers in Council, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, National Church, The Navy, New Church Magazine, Our Animal Brothers, Paper Maker, Patents, Personal Rights Journal, Pioneer of Wisdom, Plumbing Trade Journal, Poor-law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Property List, Representation, Salford Chronicle, The Secretary, Shop Assistant, Socialist Standard, State Correspondent, Stationery World, Suffragette, Surveying and Housing World, Tariff Reform Notes, Textile Recorder, Theosophist, Universe, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Votes for Women, Vulcan, War and Peace, White Ribbon, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.	
Perry, Walter, and Company, Limited	1
Phillips, Alderman F.S., J.P.	1
Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued): Caledonian; Cambrian; Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford; Great Central; Great Eastern; Great Northern; Great Northern (Ireland); Great Southern and Western (Ireland); Great Western; Lancashire and Yorkshire; London and North Western; London, Chatham, and Dover; Midland; Midland Great Western (Ireland); North British; North Eastern; South Eastern.	
Royal Dublin Society—Transactions and Proceedings.	
Royal Geographical Society	2
Royal Insurance Co., Ltd.	10
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	1
Royal National Mission to Deep-sea Fishermen	8

Royal Society—Proceedings.

Salford Board of Guardians	2
Salford Corporation	36
Salford Royal Hospital, <i>per</i> Board of Management	1
Sheffield Public Libraries Committee, T. Walter Hall, Esq., and A. Hermann Thomas, Esq.	1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington	8
Stuart, Mrs. James	1
Sunday School Union, London	1
Tariff Commission, London.....	12
Testimony Publishing Company, Chicago	1
Tonic Sol-fa College, London.	1
University Tutorial Press, London	3
Victoria University of Manchester	6
Williams, J. C., Esq.	2

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS AT THE MUSEUMS.

Year ending 31st Oct.	Museum and Art Galleries. By turnstiles since 1894.			Natural History Museum. Estimated.			Totals.		
	Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened	Daily Average of Visitors.	Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.
1850-80	15,154,497	7,584	1,998	..	..	..	15,154,497	7,584	1,998
1881	431,300	263	1,633	..	..	..	431,300	263	1,633
1882	528,940	263	1,213	..	..	..	528,940	263	1,213
1883	540,506	261	2,071	..	..	..	540,506	261	2,071
1884	475,450	261	1,775	..	..	..	475,450	261	1,775
1885	435,000	257	1,696	..	..	..	435,000	257	1,696
1886	376,776	265	1,421	..	..	..	376,776	265	1,421
1887	304,270	256	1,150	..	..	..	304,270	256	1,150
1888	250,500	263	952	..	..	..	250,500	263	952
1889	300,150	261	1,150	..	..	..	300,150	261	1,150
1890	273,700	221	1,238	..	..	..	273,700	221	1,238
1891	200,100	250	800	..	..	..	200,100	250	800
1892	221,155	246	888	..	..	..	221,155	246	888
1893	232,522	263	884	..	..	..	232,522	263	884
1894	153,717	225	683	..	..	..	153,717	225	683
1895	111,178	262	424	..	..	..	111,178	262	424
1896	132,021	285	463	..	..	..	132,021	285	463
1897	149,812	317	472	..	..	..	149,812	317	472
1898	151,058	313	482	..	..	..	151,058	313	482
1899	128,332	306	419	..	..	..	128,332	306	419
1900	132,737	316	428	..	..	..	132,737	310	428
1901	136,234	307	443	..	..	..	136,234	307	443
1902	173,680	311	558	..	..	..	173,680	311	558
1903	153,721	311	494	..	..	..	153,721	311	494
1904	141,586	312	453	..	..	..	141,586	312	453
1905	125,862	311	404	..	..	..	125,862	311	404
1906	110,052	313	351	..	..	..	110,052	313	351
1907	73,147	308	237	86,613	308	281	159,760	308	518
1908	75,099	309	243	88,921	309	287	164,020	309	530
1909	69,277	311	222	82,028	311	263	151,305	311	486
1910	70,413	309	227	106,005	309	343	176,418	309	570
1911	61,941	309	200	81,246	309	262	143,187	309	463
1912	62,652	312	200	69,126	312	221	131,778	312	422
1913	106,697	354	301	110,229	354	311	216,926	354	612
1914	115,805	355	326	90,905	355	256	206,710	355	582
53 years	22,159,887	17,364	1,276	715,073	2,567	278	22,874,960	17,364	1,317

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK, 1913-1914.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	25	2782	5	2632	30	5414	5414	111	526	180
December	26	2621	4	1214	30	3835	9249	100	303	127
January	23	4424	4	1937	27	6361	15610	192	484	235
February	24	3121	4	4001	28	7122	22732	130	1000	254
March	26	3003	5	5874	31	8877	31609	115	1174	286
April	25	11824	4	5602	29	17426	49035	473	1400	600
May	23	4497	4	4273	27	8770	57805	195	1068	324
June	26	9329	4	5174	30	14503	72308	358	1293	483
July	27	7168	4	4073	31	11241	83549	265	1018	362
August	26	11137	5	4297	31	15434	98983	428	859	497
September	26	5474	4	3834	30	9308	108291	210	958	310
October	27	4658	4	2856	31	7514	115805	172	714	242
Totals, &c. ..	304	70038	51	45767	355	115805	115805	230	897	326

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.	August Bank Holiday.
1786	1757	3562

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
1240	1757	708	554	723	818	847	6647

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals.	Averages per Sunday.	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	51	10007	542	10549	206	4240	83
GREENGATE BRANCH	52	23590	..	23590	453	4246	81
REGENT ROAD BRANCH	52	18125	..	18125	348	3969	76
PENDLETON BRANCH	52	4870	70	4940	95	140	2
ALBERT PARK BRANCH	52	7019	728	7747	148	..	..
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS ...	52	1910	14	1924	37	..	..
WEASTE BRANCH	52	4044	210	4254	81	18	..
IRLAMS-O'-TH'-HEIGHT BRANCH	52	4640	624	5264	101	12	..
LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS..	52	3243	1266	4509	86	..	..
Totals .....	..	77448	3454	80902	1555	12625	242
		80902					

† This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	TOTALS.
Reference, Peel Park	1943	Blue Books 895 2274	1331	6845	..	2908	2770	3484	2867	2936	342	28595
Lending, Peel Park	205	169	200	881	398	529	807	838	738	113	6069	10947
Greengate Branch	250	231	215	1100	90	832	906	713	734	210	3828	9109
Regent Road Branch	247	147	221	754	263	450	652	496	585	46	4224	8085
Pendleton Branch	215	161	279	920 7640	203	503	671	629	608	109	3986	8284 7640
Albert Park Branch	299	176	157	722	207	398	465	424	534	126	4559	8067
Weaste Branch	176	188	154	546	122	301	353	311	377	369	4046	6943
Irlams-o'-th'-Height Branch .	194	193	188	618	146	326	440	404	337	322	4790	7958
Totals	3529	4434	2745	20026	1429	6247	7064	7299	6780	4231	31844	95628

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK.		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLESTON READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEAVER BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLANDS OTH HEIGHT BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS. (Opened Apr., 1905.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1850.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1854.)										
1850 to 1894..	2463995	2042249	1910278	2163667	1358928	329433	..	662	..	..	10274212	1851
1894-5.....	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	..	3799	..	..	435867	87523
1895-6.....	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	..	5321	..	..	419951	1861
1896-7.....	68803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	..	3544	..	..	414791	102449
1897-8.....	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	..	6113	..	..	390266	
1898-9.....	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	..	6451	..	..	379007	1871
1899-00.....	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	..	8621	..	..	374875	124801
1900-1.....	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	..	32381	..	..	443516	
1901-2.....	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	..	49529	..	..	483418	1881
1902-3.....	64537	33279	55908	78607	86652	86652	..	57773	..	..	491643	176235
1903-4.....	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	..	62605	..	..	511612	
1904-5.....	65568	35753	64676	77668	63531	87308	..	67916	..	..	527219	1891
1905-6.....	67165	38441	69745	77387	78568	105540	..	83725	..	..	594679	198139
1906-7.....	68464	38435	68373	72220	68496	91149	..	90017	..	..	576092	
1907-8.....	64952	39152	68885	78750	68673	89729	..	90825	..	..	583881	1901
1908-9.....	69128	38110	78512	90640	73629	87401	..	91707	..	..	613313	220957
1909-10.....	67514	35368	75567	91410	74224	81607	..	97302	..	..	605957	
1910-11.....	68569	31248	71313	79744	79989	76366	..	94967	..	..	584639	
1911-12.....	69034	31535	73228	89024	80981	75848	..	98980	..	..	604890	1911
1912-13.....	69000	30627	75661	89866	75566	75343	..	96216	..	..	603204	231380
1913-14.....	70056	36656	78773	94666	84646	78952	..	100459	..	..	641379	
Totals	3,777,836	2,723,085	3,159,957	3,806,768	2,776,203	2,139,906	..	1,148,913	1,021,743	..	20,554,411	Present Estimated 234975
	6,500,921											
Number of Readers in the Reading Rooms, 1913-14..	201,551		233,686	195,459	109,536	104,363	26,660	197,575	111,651	46,944	1,227,425	
Attendance in Rec- reation Rooms, 1913-14 .....	....		183,747	167,905	95,694	..	34,223	20,201	..	58,999	560,769	
Totals	201,551		417,433	363,364	205,230	104,363	60,883	217,776	111,651	105,943	1,788,194	

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thity and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	SALFORD.	PENDLETON,	BROUGHTON.	MANCHESTER AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	444	178	82	34	37	7	358	132	157	135	506	168	79	29	782	1362
Greengate Branch	735	121	75	50	28	8	489	131	31	366	728	4	265	20	1017	1762
Regent Road Branch ..	1204	174	109	54	47	15	1185	149	64	205	1394	202	1	6	1603	2756
Pendleton Branch	846	182	150	58	31	34	493	145	70	593	20	1262	8	11	1301	2231
Albert Park Branch ...	543	225	119	65	62	80	474	89	92	439	3	11	1042	38	1094	2031
Weaste Branch	646	214	155	46	51	67	263	116	125	675	112	1064	..	3	1179	2098
Irlams-o'-th'-Height Branch.	327	207	187	127	96	1	320	63	263	299	..	887	..	58	945	1916
Totals	4745	1301	877	434	352	212	3582	825	802	2712	2763	3598	1395	165	7921	14156

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES AND READING-ROOMS.	Totals.										Days Open.		Attendance in Recreation Rooms.		Daily Average.		
	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	TOTALS.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Attendance in Recreation Rooms.	Daily Average.
Peel Park	1193	1659	2505	6283	2492	2295	31812	19787	2030	70056	233	300	201551	671	..	..	..
Greengate Branch	326	328	79	634	318	576	8345	17606	2544	30756	102	300	233686	778	300	183747	612
Regent Road Branch	259	303	299	425	420	525	479	23865	1083	27658	91	301	195459	649	301	167905	557
Pendleton Branch	193	179	194	154	250	580	365	26705	678	29298	97	300	109536	365	300	95694	318
Albert Park Branch	15	13	55	83	33	86	7125	17207	64	24681	81	301	104363	346	..	..	..
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	307	26660	86	307	34223	111
Waste Branch	126	104	86	266	158	165	16722	17016	478	35121	114	307	197575	643	301	20201	67
Irlams-o'-th'-Height Branch	154	184	322	542	312	479	817	25347	577	28734	93	307	111651	363	..	..	..
Leicester Rd. Read'g-Rooms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	307	46944	152	301	58999	196
Totals	2266	2770	3540	8387	3983	4706	65665	147533	7454	246304	811	..	1227425	4053	..	560769	1861

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Totals.										Days Open.				Attendance in Recreation Rooms.				Daily Average.	
	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Attendance in Recreation Rooms.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Attendance in Recreation Rooms.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
Peel Park	131	108	267	1260	1132	331	571	31839	573	300	201551	671	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greengate Branch	61	69	233	944	234	311	635	43203	1642	300	233686	778	300	183747	..	300	612	..	300	612
Regent Road Branch	455	251	811	1653	1254	1787	2173	56156	1524	301	195459	649	301	167905	557	301	557	..	301	557
Pendleton Branch	111	97	247	1134	1151	426	626	49990	1130	300	109536	365	300	95694	318	300	318	..	300	318
Albert Park Branch	263	178	434	1167	1234	507	788	48666	509	301	104363	346	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waste Branch	235	334	400	1379	954	601	2093	57189	1684	307	197575	643	307	20201	67	307	197575	643	307	197575
Irlams-o'-th'-Height Branch.	212	174	308	1305	1344	602	849	60869	2381	307	46944	152	307	58999	196	307	58999	196	307	196
Totals	1468	1211	2700	8842	7303	4565	7735	347912	9443	..	1227425	4053	..	560769	1861	..	560769	1861	..	1861

ANALYSIS OF STOCK AND ISSUES OF MUSIC FROM THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

Principal Classes.	PEEL PARK.		GREENGATE.		REGENT ROAD		PENDLETON.		ALBERT PARK.		WEASTE.		IRLAMS-O'-TH'- HEIGHT.		TOTALS.	
	No. of Vols. in Stock. 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14	No. of Vols. in Issues, 1913-14
Operas.....	108	379	22	161	23	273	42	396	32	347	28	381	42	398	297	2335
Oratorios	42	36	3	..	11	30	14	31	12	27	6	36	9	22	97	182
Pianoforte Albums	55	209	27	15	113	261	10	241	54	450	36	128	43	635	338	1939
Ditto (Juveniles)	14	49	5	5	12	111	8	88	11	47	6	13	6	14	62	327
Pianoforte Pieces and Songs (combined in one vol.) ...	35	52	11	17	12	64	23	75	17	58	14	174	3	119	115	559
Songs.....	59	149	12	30	46	121	36	170	30	95	20	124	36	150	239	839
Selections, Sonatas, Over- tures, &c.	58	191	10	5	26	301	54	98	34	175	1	7	1	1	184	778
Violin Albums	16	58	1	1	15	63	14	35	14	28	2	8	1	4	63	197
Organ	11	9	..	..	3	31	2	17	4	7	9	83	5	1	34	148
Totals	398	1132	91	234	261	1255	203	1151	208	1234	122	954	146	1344	1429	7304

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	350	88	Electricians, Electric Coil and Switch Makers	35	1
Actors and Actresses	2	3	Embroiderers .....	..	7
Agents and Collectors	54	2	Engineers, Civil	14	..
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	367	140	Engineers, Electrical	15	..
Architects and Surveyors ..	2	..	Engineers, Mechanical	54	..
Artists	4	1	Engravers	2	..
Auctioneer and Valuer	1	..	Envelope Makers .....	..	4
Authoress .....	..	1	Factory Operatives	30	100
Bakers and Confectioners ..	17	9	Fancy Box Makers .....	..	13
Blacksmiths and Strikers ..	8	..	Fishmongers and Poulterers .	3	..
Boiler Maker	1	..	Fitters and Mechanics	76	..
Bookbinders	4	2	Florists	1	1
Booksellers and Stationers ..	1	3	Folders and Sewers .....	..	23
Bootmakers and Dealers	9	..	Foremen and Forewomen ..	9	4
Bricklayers and Masons	20	..	French Polishers	3	1
Broker .....	..	1	Furnaceman	1	..
Brushmakers	2	..	Furrier	1	..
Builders and Contractors ...	3	..	Gardeners	5	..
Butchers	11	..	Gas Inspectors	5	..
Cap Makers	1	16	Glass Blowers	3	..
Caretakers	7	1	Governesses .....	..	2
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	37	..	Greengrocers	7	..
Carters, Vanmen, &c.	19	..	Grocers	21	..
Cashiers	10	4	Hairdressers	8	..
Chainmakers	2	..	Housekeepers .....	..	172
Charwoman .....	..	1	Instrument Makers	2	..
Chemists and Druggists ...	17	..	Insurance Inspectors and Superintendents	2	..
Cigar and Cigarette Makers .	..	3	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, &c.	61	..
Civil Service Officials	7	..	Ironmonger	1	..
Clergymen and Ministers ...	10	..	Journalists	2	..
Cloth Stampers .....	..	3	Knitters .....	..	2
Coach Builders	4	..	Labourers and Porters	126	..
Coal Merchant	1	..	Ladies' Companions .....	..	3
Coal Miners	20	..	Lamplighters	2	..
Commercial Travellers	25	..	Laundresses .....	..	6
Cooks .....	..	2	Licensed Victuallers	5	1
Core Makers	1	1	Lithographers	4	..
Cork Cutter	1	..	Machinists	6	141
Corset Maker .....	..	1	Makers-up and Packers	28	16
Costumiers .....	..	5	Managers and Manageresses .	15	3
Crane Driver	1	..	Manufacturers and Merchants	13	..
Dairymen	3	..	Married .....	..	641
Dentist	1	..	Milliners .....	..	28
Designers	7	..	Millwrights	2	..
Domestic Servants	1	60	Mission Workers	1	1
Drapers and Haberdashers ..	6	4	Motormen	14	..
Draughtsmen	20	..	Musicians	8	4
Dress and Mantle Makers ...	..	69	None or Not Stated	75	367
Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	13	..	Nurses .....	..	18
			Oil Refiner	1	..
			Optologists	2	..

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS—*continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Overseers' Assistants	2	..	Sempstresses .....	..	12
Packing-case Makers	2	..	Shirt Makers .....	..	8
Painters and Decorators ...	30	..	Shop Assistants	23	61
Paper Makers, Rulers, &c... 4	1		Shopkeepers	10	6
Paper Sorters .....	..	2	Solicitors	3	..
Pattern Card Makers	7	..	Stamp Makers	4	3
Pattern Makers	11	..	Stoker	1	..
Pavior	1	..	Storekeepers	6	..
Pawnbrokers	4	..	Students	44	18
Photographers	5	..	Tailoresses .....	..	47
Plumbers	9	..	Tailors and Outfitters	20	..
Police Officers.....	11	..	Telephone Operators	6	18
Post Office Employés	26	6	Timekeeper	1	..
Printers, Compositors, and			Tin Plate Workers	5	..
Feeders	35	20	Tobacconists	6	1
Railway Employés	23	..	Tram Conductors	17	..
Rubber Workers	9	2	Typists	3	72
Saddlers and Harness Makers	2	..	Umbrella Maker	1	..
Salesmen and Buyers.....	41	..	Upholsteress.....	..	1
Saleswomen .....	..	9	Waiters and Waitresses.....	12	7
Sanitary Inspectors	2	..	Warehousemen and Women.	94	28
Sawyer	1	..	Watchmaker and Jeweller..	1	..
School Children	2069	1119	Waterproof Garment Makers	..	2
School Inspector	1	..	Wheelwright.....	1	..
Schoolmasters and Mistresses	13	5	Window Cleaner	1	..
School Teachers	30	151	Wire Drawers	3	..
Seaman	1	..	Wood Turners and Carvers..	4	..
Secretaries	3	2			

Males 4341

Females..... 3580

Total 7921

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, MANDLEY, CLAREMONT, AND LANGWORTHY PARKS, AND THE LIGHT OAKS ESTATE.

The past year has again been marked by an important addition to the area of land under the control of the Parks Committee; $11\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land and a large Mansion, known as Light Oaks, adjoining the Claremont Park, has been given by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood to the Corporation for recreation purposes.

In connection with the Bolton Road Playing Fields, about half an acre of land with two houses thereon has been acquired, so that a main approach to the Playing Fields may be formed from Bolton Road.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received the necessary attention, namely :—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Walness Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, King Street (The Height), Chapter Square, Regent Square, The Crescent Land, the Duchy Land (Broad Street), Crescent Bank, Walness Land, Weaste, Broadway, and Bolton Road Playing Fields.

BOWLING GREENS.

The showery weather during the past season has had a marked effect upon the use of the various bowling greens.

The total receipts from the twelve greens during the past year has been £538 13s. 10d., and the number of players 64,643, as compared with £583 6s. 6d., and 69,999 last year. The returns from the several greens are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	Number of Players.
Peel Park (two greens)	86	2	2	10,333
Buile Hill Park (two greens)	102	0	10	12,245
Albert Park (two greens)	97	16	0	11,736
Ordsall Park (two greens)	71	9	0	8,574
Mandley Park (two greens)	92	2	0	11,052
Charlestown Recreation Ground (one green)	38	2	6	4,575
King Street (The Height) (one green)	51	1	4	6,128
	<u>£538</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>64,643</u>

LAWN TENNIS.

The use of the 25 Tennis Courts has shown a very marked advance.

The receipts are £201 8s. 10d., and the number of players 24,173, as compared with £162 4s. 8d., and 19,468 last year. The returns from the several tennis courts are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	Number of Players.
Peel Park (seven courts)	42	10	6	5,103
Buile Hill Park (eight courts)	54	17	2	6,583
Albert Park (five courts)	60	2	2	7,213
Mandley Park (two courts)	20	6	6	2,439
Claremont Park (three courts)	23	12	6	2,835
	<u>£201</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>24,173</u>

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

During the summer season 67 Band Performances have been given, which were well attended and appeared to give general satisfaction.

The following bands were engaged, namely :—

	Number of Engagements.
Salford Police Band	8
Salford Tramways Military Band	6
Northern Military Band	3
Manchester Postmen's Military Band.....	3
Pendleton Old Prize Band	5
Pendleton Public Prize Band.....	5
Irwell Old Prize Band	5
South Salford Silver Prize Band	5
Whit Lane Prize Band.....	5
Royal Army Medical Corps Band	3
National Reserve Band.....	3
Barnes' Home Industrial School Band.....	4
St. Joseph's Boys' Military Band	4
Certified Industrial School Band	4
Pendleton Co-operative Brass Band	2
Salford Dock Mission Boys' Brass Band.....	2
Total.....	<u>67</u>

	£	s.	d.
Total Cost of Bands.....	348	14	0
Police Attendance	5	8	4
	<u>£354</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

as against £361 10s. last year.

The hire of deck chairs has shown a considerable falling off during the past summer.

PEEL PARK COTTAGE WINDOW GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The thirty-third annual exhibition was held in Peel Park on July 31st, and August 1st and 3rd, 1914. It was a success in every way, and a source of pleasure and enjoyment to many thousands of visitors.

The prices for admission were, as in previous years, adults 2d., and children under 12 years of age 1d.

The number of visitors was 21,332, as against 24,894 last year, the decrease being caused by the very wet weather during the period the exhibition was open.

The total receipts for admission amounted to £116 12s. 1d., as against £134 19s. 9d. last year.

The number of plants sold was 7,795, as against 8,930 last year.

The total value of prizes awarded was £126 8s., as against £127 19s. last year.

The drawing competition organised for children attending the Elementary Schools again showed a marked improvement in the quality of the work sent in for competition, and the Parks Committee highly appreciate the valuable assistance rendered by teachers in this branch of the exhibition.

There were 1,261 exhibitors ; 100 prizes were awarded to the value of £14 11s. 6d.

The exhibition was opened on July 31st by the Mayoress of Salford (Mrs. Desquesnes), supported by His Worship the Mayor (Alderman E. Desquesnes), the Chairman of the Museums, Libraries and Parks Committee (Alderman A. Worsley, J.P.), the Chairman of the Exhibition Sub-Committee (Alderman S. Rudman, J.P.), and a large and representative number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work.

Special prizes were given in the Horticultural Section by the Mayor and Mayoress, Mrs. C. J. Heywood, Mrs. Frankenburg, C. A. M. Barlow, Esq., M.P., and two Gold Medals were given by James Brown, Esq., J.P., of Longfield, Heaton Mersey.

In conjunction with the above work, from the 18th November, 1913, to September 28th, 1914, 5,091 buckets of soil have been sold at 1d. per bucket.

The following is a list of the principal work carried out during the year :—

PEEL PARK.

The farm buildings and a portion of the stables have been taken down.

A new boundary wall and fence has been erected on the west side of the park and a commencement made with the tipping on the newly-acquired Walness Land, and from January 21st to October 31st the sum of £260 8s. 11d. has been received for the privilege of tipping, and represents about 12,400 loads.

An 18-inch sewer has been laid across the Walness Land, at a cost of £287 1s. 6d.

ALBERT PARK.

A commencement has been made to lay out additional Tennis Courts.

LANGWORTHY PARK.

Considerable progress has been made with the levelling of this land. Two bowling greens have been formed, one of which has been completed.

A bowl-house and shelter and a tennis-house and shelter have been erected. The surface drains of the whole area have now been completed.

BOLTON ROAD PLAYING FIELDS.

A new boundary fence, of about 500 yards in length, has been fixed, a manhole built, and a commencement made with the laying of the main sewer through this land.

A roadway has been formed leading from Bolton Road to a large valley, which it is proposed to fill up by means of tipping.

BROUGHTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

A new boundary fence has been fixed, and the paths drained and asphalted. The borders have been replanted and the verges resodded.

(Signed) ALFRED WORSLEY,
Chairman.

The Museum, Peel Park,
October, 1914.



COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

SIXTY-SEVENTH

REPORT

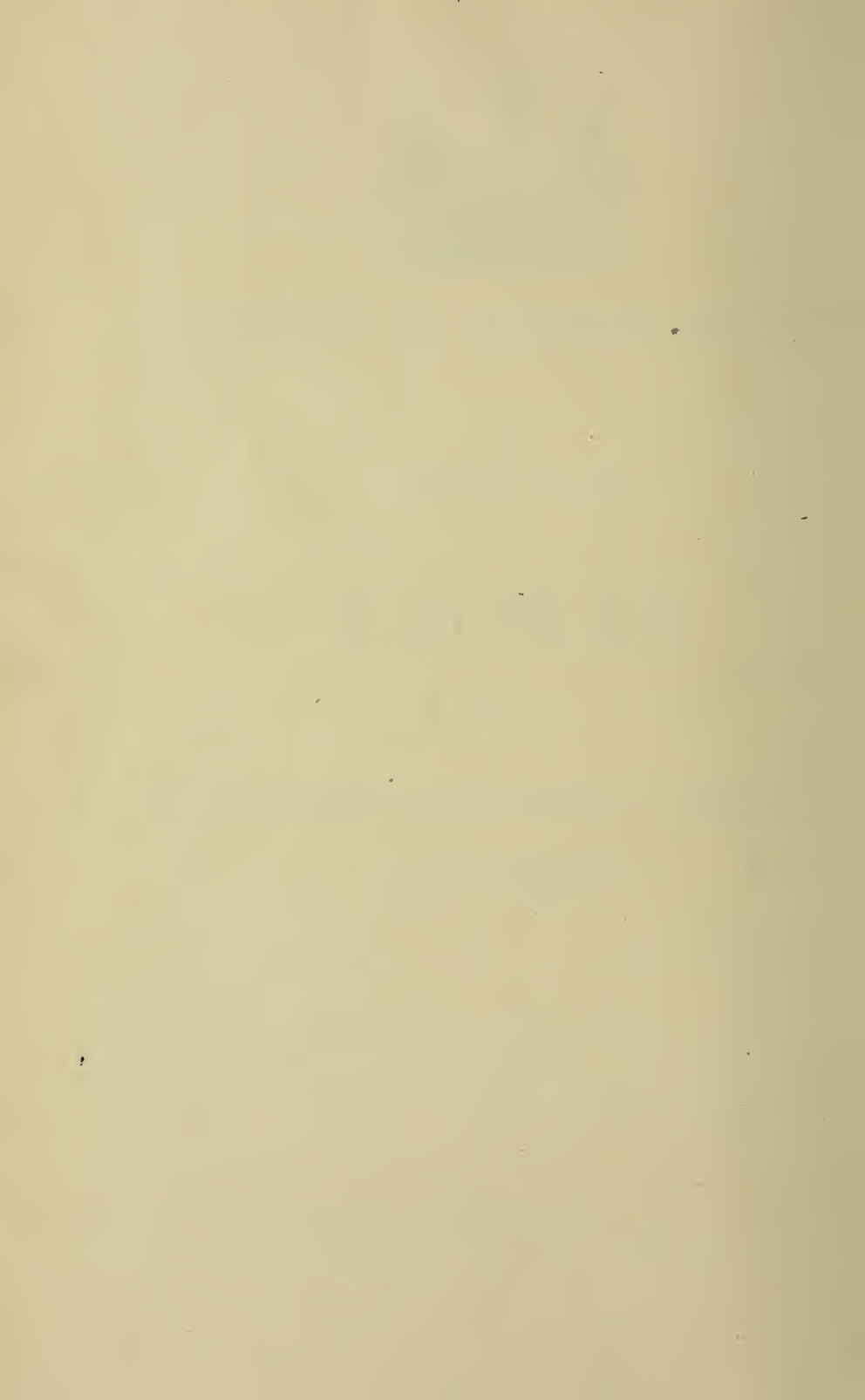
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31st OCTOBER, 1915.

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* With the Colours.

REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their report for the year ended 31st October, 1915, the sixty-seventh report since the inauguration of the Public Museum and Library in Peel Park on 13th June, 1849.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

Your Committee are pleased to record continued progress in the growth of the collections and in the development of the various sections into which the exhibits are classified. Once again it has been possible, by means of financial assistance from the Board of Education, to add to the department illustrating the history of domestic furniture. The selection of objects is carefully made, regard being had not alone to their genuineness but also to their being able to fill gaps that should not be left vacant in any representative collection. Their possible service to the art student, the craftsman, and the private collector are also borne in mind. Mention might, perhaps, be made of the following examples :—Italian 16th century coffer, Queen Anne bureau, “ Monks ” armchair, early 17th century ; English 17th century coffer, Chippendale armchair, 1760-66 ; Cromwellian wall-table, 1650, and a Hepplewhite armchair, 1780-85.

Your Committee desire again to record their appreciation of the financial aid rendered by the Board of Education, and of the valuable assistance at all times given by the Board's Officers.

To the collection of electrotypes of silversmith's work has been added a reproduction of the Duncombe Cup, Irish, 17th century. Two examples have been added to the small collection of illuminated manuscripts ; one of these, a page from a Choir Book, Netherlandish, about 1460 ; the other, a leaf from a Psalter, Italian, about 1470. The growth of this useful and beautiful collection must be slow, as suitable specimens are not easy to procure.

In the Children's Room have been placed some photographs of early maps of the World and of the British Isles, the originals being in the British Museum ; also a full-size photograph of *Magna Charta*, and photographs of two water-colour drawings in the London Museum, showing the conjectural appearance of London in Roman times and about the year 1400 A.D.

In this room also is placed an important new exhibit demonstrating the danger which the house-fly presents to human health, and showing methods of dealing with that danger. In one show-case is exhibited a magnified model of the fly, made and presented by Mr. H. Brazenor. A representation of ashpit refuse, forming a typical breeding and feeding-place, is shown on one side of this, and on the other a luncheon infested by flies. An adjoining case illustrates several methods of controlling and destroying the house-fly. The exhibit has attracted much attention, and has been visited by several classes of scholars with their teachers. Sets of the descriptive labels, prepared by the Curator, have been asked for by other Museums, and have been supplied.

The Local History collection has been strengthened and re-arranged so as to make a more effective appeal to the intelligent interest of visitors. John Ralston's drawing of Black Friars Foot Bridge (1761-1817) has been added.

The Trustees of the British Museum have again, as so often before, generously come to your Committee's aid. They have presented a cast of the beautiful little Græco-Roman figure, *Nymph of Artemis*, a girl playing at knuckle-bones. This is exhibited with the later Greek sculpture in Room A.

Owing to the War, the collections of porcelain, furniture, and brocades, on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum, have not been changed during the year.

Considerable attention has, as usual, been paid to the important educational work of the preparation of concise descriptive labels in various sections of the Museum collections, especially among the newly-added specimens and objects. School inspectors and teachers regard this distinctive feature as one of great practical service in the education of the young. During the early spring the Curator, at the request of the Principal of the Royal Technical Institute, delivered to the art students two illustrated lectures on Greek sculpture, followed by a demonstration in the Galleries, and a third illustrated lecture on the construction and analysis of a picture.

Three hundred and fifteen scholars (135 girls, 180 boys), with their teachers from eleven schools, three of them being outside the Borough, paid organised visits to the Museum and Art Galleries during the year. Mr. F. R. Sparrow, one of the school inspectors, has alluded in grateful terms to the interest shown by your Committee in bringing children into closer touch with the Museums of the town, and remarks that by means of the Children's Room the appetite of the scholars has been keenly whetted for further knowledge of the main collections in both Museums.

The number of persons who passed through the turnstiles has been 121,564, showing an increase of 5,759 over last year's figures.

DONATIONS.

BRAZENOR, H., Esq.—

Magnified Model of House-fly.

BRITISH MUSEUM, TRUSTEES OF THE—

Bust of Pericles, Plaster cast of. Greek, 5th century B.C.

Nymph of Artemis, Plaster cast of. Græco-Roman.

DEVON, H., Esq., per D. KIRKWOOD, Esq.—

Specimen showing how lead service pipe was joined to old stone water main in King Street, Manchester.

EAST ANGLIA, PREHISTORIC SOCIETY OF—

Molluscan remains, Small series of, found during recent excavations at Grimes Graves.

GROVES, MRS. J. G.—

Oil Painting, *A Tug of War*, by Frank Hyde.

ROWBOTHAM, G. H., Esq.—

Clay tobacco-pipes, 16th and 19th century, found during excavations in the Manchester and Salford district.

WOOD, T., Esq.—

A Snider rifle, 1866-70.

PURCHASES.

Coffer (oak), *English*, 17th century. Bible-box (oak), *English*, 17th century. Table, *English* (early Chippendale), 2nd quarter 18th century. Coffer, *Italian*, 16th century. Arm-chair, *English* (late Chippendale), 1760-66. Wood-carving, cherub head, *English* (Queen Anne), 1702-14. Pew-ends forming seat (oak), *English*, 15th century. Bureau (walnut), *English* (Queen Anne), 1702-14. Doorway and Door, *English* (Adam), about 1773. Wall-table (oak), *English*, about 1650. Arm-chair, "Monk's," (oak), *English*, early 17th century. Poppy-head finials (oak), *English*, Gothic, 15th century. Arm-chair, *English* (Hepplewhite), 1780-85. Backgammon-table, *English* (Sheraton), about 1795. Figure of St. Roch (oak), *Netherlandish*, mid-16th century. Figure of St. Anthony of Egypt (oak), *Netherlandish*, mid-16th century. Figure of an Apostle (oak), *English*, late 15th century. Illuminated Manuscript: Page from a Choir Book, *Netherlandish*, c. 1460. Illuminated Manuscript: Leaf from a Psalter, *Italian*, c. 1470. Duncombe Cup (electrotype), *Irish*, 17th century. School Lesson Tablet, Photograph of, *Greek*, 2nd century, A.D. Maps, Twelve photographs of some early, in British Museum. London in Roman times and in 1400, Photographs of water-colours representing, in the London Museum. Black Friars Foot Bridge (1761-1817), Salford, John Ralston's drawing of.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.

The work at the Natural History Museum progresses in a satisfactory manner, and a year's steady labour has made a marked improvement,

not alone in regard to the extension of the collections, but also in respect to their interest, attractiveness and educational potentialities. Among the representatives of the Animal Kingdom mounted and placed upon exhibition are the following :—Orang Utan (female), Chimpanzee, South African Baboon (male), Sykes' Guenon (female), Isabelline Gazelle, Capivara, Coypu, Crested Porcupine, Canadian Porcupine, Mexican Tree Porcupine, Canadian Marmot, Jerboa, American Grey Squirrel, British Squirrel, Dormouse (male and female), Pine Marten, Magpie. Other specimens are in process of preparation.

A large group-case has been prepared by Mr. H. Brazenor, the Taxidermist, with representation of natural environment. In this are exhibited the specimens of Rodents named above. The group forms an interesting and instructive addition to the Museum.

A half-tide rock-pool from Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, has been realistically prepared from materials locally collected by the Curator. It contains specimens of the Crustacea and Mollusca usually found in such pools, and has aroused much interest.

Some useful work has been done in the Mineralogical and Geological sections, where the specimens are being remounted and relabelled according to the most recent nomenclature. Mr. J. W. Jackson, who is carrying out this work, has also prepared a series of forty-three shell-sections, showing the internal structure of various forms of marine shells, thus adding to the interest and educational value of the Conchological collections.

Your Committee have installed in this Museum an apparatus showing Foucault's celebrated experiment that demonstrates the diurnal rotation of the earth on its axis. A demonstration is given daily at 10-30 and 3 o'clock, and the experiment has created much interest.

An interesting addition to the Botanical department has been made by the generous gift of forty specimens from the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, mostly sections, of trees and plants named in the Bible. A rearrangement of the various specimens of British trees has enabled these important objects to be placed on exhibition without

the expense of supplying additional furniture. The three fine series of photographs of British Birds, British Trees, and British Wild Flowering Plants have been redistributed through the building, effecting a marked improvement.

After collaboration with the Chairman of the Museums and Art Galleries Sub-Committee and the Curator, a scheme was prepared by the Education Committee and the Teachers' Association, whereby classes of scholars attending the Council and Non-Provided Schools have paid daily visits to this Museum between 1st March and 13th October. A lecture on *Some Interesting Birds* was prepared by Mr. Sparrow, and was printed for circulation among the teachers. The lecture, with lantern-slide illustrations, was subsequently read to the classes in rotation by the teachers at the schools, the scholars afterwards visiting the Museum, when the lecture was emphasized before the actual specimens used to illustrate it. This special lesson completed, the scholars, still under the guidance and control of the teachers, were allowed to inspect the general collections.

The scheme has worked admirably, and no less than 6,370 scholars (3,119 girls, 3,251 boys) with their teachers have, in this systematized and fruitful manner, made use of the Museum during the year, paying visits on 215 occasions. Mr. Sparrow states that the teachers are convinced that much educational good has resulted and will result from such visits to the Museums; and enquiries which he has had from educationists in all parts of the country give proof of an interest in the experiment which leads them to hope that the Salford scheme, in some form or other, will be adopted with profit in many other towns which possess Museums and Art Galleries. All of this is gratifying to your Committee, who see here the welcome fruition of many years of earnest thought and well-directed labour.

Next year a similar scheme will be prepared in connection with the education of the children of the Borough, a subject being chosen at the Museum and Art Galleries, Peel Park.

The number of visitors has been estimated as 94,790, which shows an increase of 3,885 on the returns for the preceding twelve months.

DONATIONS.

BRAZENOR, H., Esq.—

The following skins :—South African Baboon (male), Scottish Red Deer (female), Pig-tailed Macaque, Bengal Macaque, Japanese Macaque, Alligator.

DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW—

Forty specimens and sections of Bible plants and trees.

JENNISON, GEORGE, Esq.—

The following animals in the flesh :—Orang-Utan (female), Lioness, Crested Porcupine, Skunk, Camel (young), European Brown Bear, Griffon Vulture, two South American Alligators, two Prairie Marmots, Eland (male), Tigress, Mongoose, European Pelican, and Patas Guenon.

JOHNSON, COUNCILLOR GEORGE—

Stone Water-main, piece of, showing joint, recently removed from King Street, Manchester.

TONGE, T. H., Esq., per THE MAYOR OF SALFORD—

Fox (female).

JONES, J. M., Esq.—

Patas Guenon.

POWIS, W. T., Esq.—

American Grey Squirrel.

WITHINGTON, J. W., Esq.—

Reeves Pheasant (male).

MURRAY, —, Esq.—

Stoats, two nests of young British.

TATTERSALL, W. M., Esq., D.Sc.—

British Lizard.

PURCHASES.

Foucault's Pendulum apparatus. Pine Marten from Keswick.

LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

Your Committee have had under consideration the regulations drawn up for the guidance of the public using the Libraries, and have altered them in such a manner as to place greater facilities in the way of borrowers. In addition to abrogating the charge of one penny for each borrower's card, and to granting special facilities to school teachers in their professional researches, it is now arranged that no municipal elector of Salford or of Manchester shall be asked to provide a guarantor ; and, further, borrowers are now permitted to borrow books from more than one Library, an arrangement that may sometimes be a convenience in study or research.

The supply of new books, and the replacement of those worn out through constant use, receive careful attention and discrimination, so far as the resources permit which are placed at your Committee's disposal.

REPLACEMENTS AND NEW BOOKS.

Libraries.	Replacements.	New.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park	—	341	341
Lending, Peel Park	118	164	282
Greengate Branch	39	305	344
Regent Road Branch.....	115	369	484
Pendleton Branch	69	332	401
Albert Park Branch	118	259	377
Weaste Branch.....	119	255	374
The Height Branch.....	61	207	268
Totals	<u>639</u>	<u>2,232</u>	<u>2,871</u>

The use to which home readers in general have put the Lending Libraries during the year may be gathered from the following epitome of tables given elsewhere in this report :—

Lending Libraries.	No. of Volumes.	No. of Borrowers.	No. of Issues.	Turn-over.	Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	11,111	1,630	42,028	3.7	25.7
Greengate Branch	9,457	2,161	69,176	7.3	32.0
Regent Road Branch	8,117	3,478	99,416	12.2	28.5
Pendleton Branch	8,404	2,640	91,437	10.8	34.6
Albert Park Branch	8,309	2,341	66,633	8.0	28.4
Weaste Branch.....	7,125	2,606	87,565	12.2	33.6
The Height Branch....	8,198	2,215	72,496	8.8	32.7
Totals	60,721	17,071	528,751	..	..
Averages	8,674	2,438	75,535	9.0	30.7

There is a net increase of 1,328 in the number of volumes in the Lending Libraries. The number of active borrowers of books for home reading during the municipal year has risen by 2,915 to 17,071 persons, the highest number ever recorded in the Salford Libraries, and representing 20·6 per cent of an increase ; while the issues of books have risen from 395,075 to 528,751, equivalent to 33·8 per cent advance upon the previous year. The turn-over of stock is 9·0 as against 6·9 ; and the issues per borrower have risen from 28·1 to 30·7 volumes.

The Libraries are yearly becoming of enhanced interest and value to the children of the Borough ; and your Committee's policy of welcoming as borrowers all children from ten to fourteen years of age has been abundantly justified by results. A brief study of the following table is of considerable interest in this connection :—

BORROWERS UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND ISSUES OF
BOOKS TO THEM FOR HOME READING.

Lending Libraries.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Issues.	Average Issues per Borrower.
Peel Park	453 ..	95 ..	548 ..	9,305 ..	16·9
Greengate Branch	767 ..	366 ..	1,133 ..	31,627 ..	27·9
Regent Road Branch .	1,171 ..	992 ..	2,163 ..	59,451 ..	27·4
Pendleton Branch	792 ..	451 ..	1,243 ..	47,707 ..	38·3
Albert Park Branch ...	406 ..	384 ..	790 ..	17,993 ..	22·7
Weaste Branch.....	613 ..	407 ..	1,020 ..	28,670 ..	28·1
The Height Branch...	316 ..	203 ..	519 ..	19,507 ..	37·5
Totals	4,518 ..	2,898 ..	7,416 ..	214,260 ..	28·4
<i>Totals—1913-14 ..</i>	<i>3,180 ..</i>	<i>1,602 ..</i>	<i>4,782 ..</i>	<i>97,605 ..</i>	<i>22·0</i>
Increases	1,338 ..	1,296 ..	2,634 ..	116,655 ..	6·4

It will be noted that there is an increase under each heading, fifty-five per cent more children borrowing almost one hundred and twenty per cent more books. This last item, however, should be somewhat discounted so far as actual reading is concerned, as a child not infrequently changes a book on the day of issue when the first chapter or two have failed to awaken sufficient interest.

The attendance in the Reading Rooms on Sundays has been 75,663, a decrease of 5,239 on last year's returns. The average attendance is 158 per Sunday at each room, varying from 413 at Greengate to 28 at Charlestown.

Privilege cards have been issued to one hundred and twenty-six school teachers, which allow them access to the shelves of the Libraries for purposes of research in their professional work, besides the right to borrow extra books that help in their scholastic duties.

The Reference Library is being increasingly used by students, especially by the advanced day students, at the Royal Technical Institute. It is the opinion of the Principal that this research work in the Library, proved to be of the utmost value now, will also serve the students in good stead when they graduate from the Institute and have to rely solely upon that method of obtaining information and increasing their knowledge.

The printed catalogue of the Library has become obsolete ; and although a manuscript copy is efficiently maintained, a catalogue in that form is necessarily unsatisfactory. Preparation is being steadily made for the compilation of manuscript for a new printed catalogue, and towards that end nearly thirteen thousand separate entries have already been written by the Librarian.

Several general improvements have been effected in the furniture, fittings, lighting, &c., in various Libraries. A new drinking-fountain has been placed in the entrance hall of the Regent Road Branch.

The family of the late Alderman A. L. Dickins, J.P., who for many years had sat upon the Salford Council, and in 1887-8 and 1888-9 had occupied the Mayoral Chair, has generously presented your Committee with three oil-paintings from his collection. They are *The Buttercup Verdict*, by Haynes Williams ; *Valentine and Marguerite*, by William Oliver ; and *Mayence*, by James Webb. The pictures have been hung in the Leicester Road Branch, the institution nearest the neighbourhood where the late Alderman Dickins used to reside.

The following epitomized statement is taken from the tabulated returns :—

1. Number of visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries, Peel Park (turnstiles)	121,564
2. Number of visitors to the Natural History Museum, Buile Hill Park (estimated)	94,790
3. Number of books issued for home reading	528,761
4. Number of books used in the Reading Rooms.....	238,480
5. Number of readers in the News Rooms	1,104,740
6. Number of persons using the Recreation Rooms	370,288
Total.....	<u>2,458,613</u>

The War and the Museums & Libraries.

A comparison has been made of the public use of the Museums and Libraries during the first year of the War with that of the year preceding it. As a result, the attendance at the Museums shows a slight decrease.

The attendance in the Reading Rooms shows a decrease of 1·1 per cent, and that in the Recreation Rooms 10·7 per cent. In the former case the absence of men with the Colours is almost balanced by the visits of others who were anxious to consult the daily papers.

The number of borrowers of books for home reading increased by 29·5 per cent, and the number of issues of books for home use rose by 36·9 per cent.

Your Committee derive satisfaction from these returns, for they demonstrate the fact that the Public Libraries are being largely used to relieve the mental and emotional strain that is caused by the War.

During nearly six months the recreation room at the Regent Road Library was lent to the Recruiting Authorities for the purpose of enrolling men for the Army.

The Parliamentary Recruiting Committee, the Munitions Parliamentary Committee, and the Parliamentary War Savings Committee were freely and willingly helped by permitting the display of numerous

posters and by the distribution of many thousands of pamphlets and leaflets connected with their important national work.

The Libraries Staff rendered much willing assistance in work connected with preparation for the Recruiting Canvass to take place in November, and your Committee have arranged to lend for the actual work of the Canvass several of the reading rooms and recreation rooms to be used as ward recruiting centres.

The following members of the staff have joined the Colours :—
 (a) *Charles H. Crossley* (Librarian), Squadron Quartermaster-Sergeant, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry ; (b) Assistant *Francis Orr*, Private, 19th Service Battalion, Manchester Regiment ; (c) Assistant *William Hancock*, Private, Royal Scots Regiment ; (d) Assistant *George Preston*, Private, Border Regiment ; (e) Assistant *Peter Agnew*, Lance-Sergeant, 7th Lancashire Fusiliers ; (f) Attendant *William Frost*, Driver, Royal Field Artillery.

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1914-15.

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Accountants and Auditors, Society of Incorporated.....	1
Accountants, Corporation of, Limited	1
Anglo-Continental Publishing Company, Limited	1
Armstrong, Charles Wicksteed, Esq.	1
British and Foreign Bible Society	1
British Association for the Advancement of Science	1
British Dominions General Insurance Company, Limited .	2
British Museum Trustees.....	9
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	2
Carter-Jepson Publishing Company, Limited, London.....	2
City and Guilds of London Institute	3
Co-operative Union Limited, Manchester	1
Dublin University	2
Durham University	1
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published).	
Gillespie, Mrs. Honyman, Trustees of	8
Gladstone, Family of the Right Hon. W. E.	2
Hailwood, Councillor A., J.P.	9

Hearts of Oak Benefit Society	10
Henshaw's Blind Asylum, Manchester, <i>per</i> Board of Management	1
Humanitarian League.....	1
Jones, Sir Alfred L., Executors of	1
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, Reports, &c., from the following :—Aberdeen, Accring- ton, Altrincham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Fur- ness, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carnegie Institute (Pittsburgh, U.S.A.), Cheltenham, Chorley, Clitheroe, Colchester, Coventry, Cripplegate Foundation, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Edinburgh, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Ilkley, Ipswich, John Rylands Library, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Knuts- ford, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Library of Congress (Washington), Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (Cal- ifornia), Manchester, Middlesbrough, National Museum of Wales, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle-upon- Tyne, New York (U.S.A.), Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Paisley, Plymouth, Preston, Providence (U.S.A.), Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, St. Annes-on-the-Sea, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Shakespeare Memorial Library (Stratford-upon-Avon), Sheffield, Shoreditch, Smethwick, South Shields, South- wark, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, University of Manchester (Manchester Museum), Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, West Bromwich, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Windsor, Worcester, Workington, York.	
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London University	1
Macmillan and Company, Limited	2
Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society.....	1
Manchester and Salford Provident Dispensaries' Association	1
Manchester Corporation	4
Manchester Geological and Mining Society—Transactions.	
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society—Memoirs and Proceedings.	
Manchester Port Sanitary Authority	1
Manchester Statistical Society—Transactions.	
Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, London	1
Morris, J. S. C., publisher	1
National Academy of Sciences, Washington	1
National Temperance Federation, London	2
National Union of Teachers	1
National University of Ireland	1
Patent Office Publications.....	145
Paton, Messrs. J. and J.	1
Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors :—Aboli- tionist, Accountant, Alliance News, Animals' Defender and Zoophilist, Animals' Friend, Anti-Suffrage Review, Arbitrator, Bibby's Annual, Bible Advocate, Bible Student, Bird Notes and News, Board of Trade Journal, Cassier's Magazine, Catholic Federationist, Catholic Herald, Catholic Times, Chemical Engineering, Child's Guardian, Christian Science Sentinel, Church Gazette, Church Missionary Gleaner, Civil Service Candidate, Clark's Educator, The Clerk, Clerks of Works' Journal, Common Cause, Contractor's Record and Municipal Engineering, Co-operative News, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Educational Times, Electrician, Epoch, Federationist, Foresters' Miscellany, Free Russia, Free	

Trader, Herald of Health, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age, Herald of the Star, I.C.S. Student, India, Individualist and Personal Rights Journal, Industrial Engineer, Insurance Agent and Insurance Review, Jewish Missionary Intelligence, Justice, Labour Gazette, Lancashire and Cheshire Junior Unionist, Land Values, Liberal Monthly, Liberator, Lifeboat, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, London Gazette (Supplement), Machinery Market, Manchester Entertainments and Pleasure Programme, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Manchester Y.M.C.A. News, Midland Counties Herald, Millgate Monthly, Mothers in Council, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, National Church, The Navy, New Church Magazine, North Salford Conservative and Unionist Magazine, Our Animal Brothers, Our Circle, Paper Maker, Patents, Pioneer of Wisdom, Plumbing Trade Journal, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Present Truth, Property List, Salford Chronicle, The Secretary, Shop Assistant, Socialist Standard, Sons of Temperance, Stationery World, The Suffragette, Textile Recorder, Theosophical Path, Theosophist, Two Worlds, Universe, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Votes for Women, Vulcan, White Ribbon, Worcester Herald.

Perry, Walter, and Company, Limited	1
Prehistoric Society of East Anglia	1
Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued): Caledonian, Cambrian, Cheshire Lines, Glasgow and South Western, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Southern and Western (Ireland), Great Western, Lancashire and Yorkshire, London and North Western, Midland, Midland Great Western (Ireland), North British, North Eastern, South Eastern and Chatham.	

Royal Dublin Society—Transactions and Proceedings.

Royal Geographical Society 2

Royal National Lifeboat Institution..... 1

Royal National Mission to Deep-sea Fishermen 8

Royal Society—Proceedings.

Salford Board of Guardians 2

Salford Corporation..... 25

Salford Royal Hospital, *per* Board of Management 1

Sells Limited 1

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Smithsonian Institution, Washington 10

Testimony Publishing Company, Chicago 1

Towers, John, Esq. 1

University Tutorial Press, London 3

Urquhart, James, Esq. 1

Victoria University of Manchester 1

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS AT THE MUSEUMS.

Year ending 31st Oct.	Museum and Art Galleries. By turnstiles since 1894.			Natural History Museum. Estimated.			Totals.		
	Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	Number of Visitors	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.
1850-80	15,154,497	7,584	1,998	..	..	..	15,154,497	7,584	1,998
1881	431,300	263	1,633	..	..	..	431,300	263	1,633
1882	528,940	263	1,213	..	..	..	528,940	263	1,213
1883	540,506	261	2,071	..	..	..	540,506	261	2,071
1884	475,450	261	1,775	..	..	..	475,450	261	1,775
1885	435,000	257	1,696	..	..	..	435,000	257	1,696
1886	376,776	265	1,421	..	..	..	376,776	265	1,421
1887	304,270	256	1,150	..	..	..	304,270	256	1,150
1888	250,500	263	952	..	..	..	250,500	263	952
1889	300,150	261	1,150	..	..	..	300,150	261	1,150
1890	273,700	221	1,238	..	..	..	273,700	221	1,238
1891	200,100	250	800	..	..	..	200,100	250	800
1892	221,155	246	888	..	..	..	221,155	246	888
1893	232,522	263	884	..	..	..	232,522	263	884
1894	153,717	225	683	..	..	..	153,717	225	683
1895	111,178	262	424	..	..	..	111,178	262	424
1896	132,021	285	463	..	..	..	132,021	285	463
1897	149,812	317	472	..	..	..	149,812	317	472
1898	151,058	313	482	..	..	..	151,058	313	482
1899	128,332	306	419	..	..	..	128,332	306	419
1900	132,737	310	428	..	..	..	132,737	310	428
1901	136,234	307	443	..	..	..	136,234	307	443
1902	173,680	311	558	..	..	..	173,680	311	558
1903	153,721	311	494	..	..	..	153,721	311	494
1904	141,586	312	453	..	..	..	141,586	312	453
1905	125,862	311	404	..	..	..	125,862	311	404
1906	110,052	313	351	..	..	..	110,052	313	351
1907	73,147	308	237	86,613	308	281	159,760	308	518
1908	75,099	309	243	88,921	309	287	164,020	309	530
1909	69,277	311	222	82,028	311	263	151,305	311	486
1910	70,413	309	227	106,005	309	343	176,418	309	570
1911	61,941	309	200	81,246	309	262	143,187	309	463
1912	62,652	312	200	69,126	312	221	131,778	312	422
1913	106,697	354	301	110,229	354	311	216,926	354	612
1914	115,805	355	326	90,905	355	256	206,710	355	582
1915	121,564	363	334	94,790	363	261	216,354	363	596
57 years	22,281,451	17,727	1,256	809,863	2,930	276	23,091,314	17,727	1,302

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK, 1914-1915.

Month.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November.....	25	3069	5	2662	30	5731	5731	122	532	191
December	26	2758	4	979	30	3737	9468	106	244	124
January	26	3110	5	1443	31	4553	14021	119	288	146
February	24	2708	4	2969	28	5677	19698	112	742	202
March	27	3301	4	4156	31	7457	27155	122	1039	240
April	25	7979	4	5363	29	13342	40497	319	1340	460
May	26	11314	5	5982	31	17296	57793	435	1196	557
June	26	6256	4	4366	30	10622	68415	240	1091	354
July	27	9377	4	2823	31	12200	80615	347	705	393
August	26	13707	5	4665	31	18372	98987	527	933	592
September	26	7610	4	5065	30	12675	111662	292	1266	422
October	26	4484	5	5418	31	9902	121564	172	1083	319
Totals, &c. ..	310	75673	53	45891	363	121564	121564	244	865	334

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.		August Bank Holiday.
1910	1506		3417

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
1307	1506	1064	813	1112	1601	550	7953

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals.	Averages per Sunday.	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	53	8705	526	9231	174	3535	66
GREENGATE BRANCH	53	21926	..	21926	413	780	14
REGENT ROAD BRANCH	53	16472	..	16472	310	..	..
PENDLETON BRANCH	53	6299	211	6510	122	292	5
ALBERT PARK BRANCH	53	5464	648	6112	115	..	..
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS ...	53	1535	..	1535	28	..	..
WEASTE BRANCH	53	3830	188	4018	75	18	..
IRLAUS-O'-TH'-HEIGHT BRANCH	53	5019	719	5738	108	19	..
LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS..	53	2969	1152	4121	77	..	..
Totals .....	..	72219	3444	75663	1422	4644	85
			75663				

† This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Totals.
		Blue Books { 979 2310 }										
Reference, Peel Park.....	1951	{ 979 2310 }	1333	6991	..	2932	2783	3532	2882	2985	342	29020
Lending, Peel Park	208	171	200	910	432	531	809	848	743	117	6142	11111
Greengate Branch	246	236	210	1124	103	830	910	725	727	200	4146	9457
Regent Road Branch	250	145	219	798	277	444	652	523	583	37	4189	8117
Pendleton Branch	216	171	278	{ 953 7742 }	226	506	679	637	608	106	4024	{ 8404 7742 }
Albert Park Branch	300	182	160	763	227	409	469	434	538	128	4699	8309
Weaste Branch	180	192	157	581	157	310	360	322	382	357	4127	7125
Irlams-o'-th'-Height Branch .	197	205	191	650	162	343	450	406	345	306	4943	8198
Totals	3548	4591	2748	20512	1584	6305	7112	7427	6808	4236	32612	97483

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK.		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1880.)	CHARLESTON READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1884.)	WEAVER BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1884.)	JULIAMS' OFF- BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS. (Opened Apr., 1905.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1850.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1854.)										
1850 to 1894 ..	2468995	2042249	1910278	2163667	1358928	329433	..	662	..	..	10274212	1851
1894-5	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	..	3799	..	..	435867	87523
1895-6	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	..	5321	..	..	419951	1861
1896-7	66803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	..	3544	..	..	414791	102449
1897-8	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98968	..	6113	..	..	390266	1871
1898-9	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	..	6451	..	..	379007	124801
1899-00	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	..	8621	..	..	374875	124801
1900-1	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	..	32381	28957	..	443516	1881
1901-2	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	..	49529	55803	..	483418	1881
1902-3	64537	33279	55908	78607	57650	86652	..	57773	57237	..	491643	176235
1903-4	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	..	62605	57206	..	511612	1891
1904-5	65568	35753	64676	77668	63531	87308	..	67916	64799	..	527219	1891
1905-6	67165	38441	69745	77387	78568	105540	..	83725	74108	..	594679	198139
1906-7	68464	38435	68373	72220	68496	91149	..	90017	78938	..	576092	1901
1907-8	64952	39152	68885	78750	68673	89729	..	90825	82915	..	583881	1901
1908-9	69128	38110	78512	90640	73629	87401	..	91707	84186	..	613313	220957
1909-10	67514	35368	75567	91410	74224	81607	..	97302	82965	..	605957	1911
1910-11	68569	31248	71313	79744	79989	78636	..	94967	80173	..	584639	1911
1911-12	69034	31535	73228	89024	80981	75848	..	98980	86260	..	604890	231380
1912-13	69000	30627	75661	89866	75566	75343	..	90325	90325	..	603204	231380
1913-14	70056	36656	78773	94666	84546	78952	..	100459	97271	..	641379	231380
1914-15	68478	42028	97962	126602	118979	91238	..	123035	98909	..	767231	231380
Totals	3,846,314	2,765,113	3,257,919	3,933,370	2,895,182	2,231,144	..	1,271,948	1,120,652	..	21,321,642	Present Estimated 234975
6,611,427												
Number of Readers in the Reading Rooms, 1914-15	189,201	189,201	218,908	152,361	108,846	102,746	21,700	173,874	95,090	42,014	1,104,740	370,288
Attendance in Rec- itation Rooms, 1914-15 .....	....	....	138,411	60,848	84,807	..	30,734	11,789	..	43,699	370,288	1,475,028
Totals	189,201	189,201	357,319	213,209	193,653	102,746	52,434	185,663	95,090	85,713	1,475,028	1,475,028

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	Salford.	Pendleton.	Broughton.	MANCHESTER AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	521	183	66	32	29	17	448	128	152	120	518	223	70	37	848	1630
Greengate Branch	870	116	71	36	35	10	452	70	31	585	783	6	321	28	1138	2161
Regent Road Branch ..	1528	145	105	56	30	11	1515	98	48	214	1607	254	3	11	1875	3478
Pendleton Branch	926	180	107	57	47	44	487	41	41	792	3	1339	10	9	1361	2640
Albert Park Branch ...	700	202	118	66	74	87	672	65	79	431	2	23	1182	40	1247	2341
Weaste Branch	931	206	176	51	51	54	444	110	113	802	129	1335	1	4	1469	2606
Irlands-o'-th'-Height Branch.	592	239	196	124	88	..	558	75	278	328	2	1110	..	127	1239	2215
Totals	6068	1271	839	422	354	223	4576	587	742	3272	3044	4290	1587	256	9177	17071

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES AND READING-ROOMS.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscel- laneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Attendance in Recreation Rooms.	Daily Average.
Peel Park	993	1376	2133	5913	2256	1942	32212	19909	1744	68478	223	306	189201	618	306	138411	452
Greengate Branch	338	115	89	593	690	485	8668	15752	2056	28786	94	306	128908	715	306	60848	362
Regent Road Branch	210	243	260	513	517	457	544	23506	936	27186	90	300	152361	507	300	84807	278
Pendleton Branch	183	222	221	407	296	586	300	24707	620	27542	90	305	108846	356	305	84807	278
Albert Park Branch	1	9	5	33	5	13	7123	17403	13	24605	80	306	102746	335	306	30734	100
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	306	21700	70	306	11789	39
Weaste Branch	144	123	63	352	149	137	16992	17229	281	35470	115	306	173874	568	300	43699	142
Irlams-o'-th'-Height Branch	146	127	186	306	246	279	390	24239	494	26413	86	306	95090	310	..	..	..
Leicester Rd. Read'g-Rooms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	306	42014	137	306	..	..
Totals	2015	2215	2957	8117	4159	3899	60229	142745	6144	238480	778	..	1104740	3616	..	370288	1373

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology and Philosophy.	Political and Social Economy	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscel- laneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park	91	87	235	1101	1572	364	963	416	457	36742	42028	139	301
Greengate Branch	31	29	307	952	260	241	706	849	1926	63875	69176	230	300
Regent Road Branch	527	487	1366	2945	1964	3132	3306	1070	3195	81424	99416	331	300
Pendleton Branch	242	318	626	2998	1816	1961	2520	616	1663	78677	91437	305	299
Albert Park Branch	190	250	457	1244	1853	466	923	518	774	59958	69633	222	300
Weaste Branch	298	765	474	1713	1696	792	2653	415	546	78213	87565	290	301
Irlams-o'-th'-Height Branch	134	329	306	1451	1664	576	1109	356	2222	64349	72496	241	300
Totals	1513	2265	3771	12404	10825	7532	12180	4240	10783	463238	528751	1758	..

ANALYSIS OF STOCK AND ISSUES OF MUSIC FROM THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

Principal Classes.	PEEL PARK.		GREENGATE.		REGENT ROAD.		PENDLETON.		ALBERT PARK.		WEASTE.		IRLAMS-O'-TH'-HEIGHT.		TOTALS.	
	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1914-15.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1914-15.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1914-15.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1914-15.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1914-15.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1914-15.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1914-15.	No. of Vols. in Stock.	No. of Issues, 1914-15.
Operas.....	109	520	27	181	37	451	55	550	46	617	34	647	48	472	356	3438
Oratorios	43	38	5	..	12	32	17	106	13	26	16	78	13	9	119	289
Pianoforte Albums	62	401	29	12	113	404	10	252	54	617	37	284	47	837	352	2807
Ditto (Juveniles)	16	44	5	2	12	202	8	118	11	78	6	22	6	25	64	491
Pianoforte Pieces and Songs (combined in one vol.) ...	35	61	12	10	12	100	22	184	17	100	19	243	3	114	120	812
Songs.....	64	250	14	48	47	222	40	237	32	161	22	252	37	199	256	1369
Selections, Sonatas, Over- tures, &c.	62	213	10	7	26	449	56	247	37	212	9	56	1	5	201	1189
Violin Albums	26	28	1	..	15	79	14	100	14	35	4	41	2	1	76	284
Organ	15.	22	..	..	3	28	4	22	4	7	10	73	5	2	41	154
Totals	432	1577	103	260	277	1967	226	1816	228	1853	157	1696	162	1664	1585	10833

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	323	108	Embroiderers .....	..	4
Actors	2	..	Engineers, Civil	5	..
Agents and Collectors	24	2	Engineers, Electrical	8	..
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	390	211	Engineers, Mechanical	42	..
Architects and Surveyors ..	3	..	Engravers	11	..
Artists	6	3	Entertainer	1	..
Bakers and Confectioners ..	14	17	Envelope Makers .....	..	2
Bath Attendants	2	..	Factory Operatives	36	151
Bioscope Operator	1	..	Fancy Box Makers .....	..	8
Blacksmiths and Strikers ..	5	..	Fitters and Mechanics	51	..
Boiler Makers	2	..	Florists .....	..	3
Bookbinders	3	5	Folders and Sewers	1	23
Bootmakers and Dealers ..	3	1	Foremen and Forewomen ..	5	1
Bricklayers and Masons ..	12	..	French Polishers	7	..
Brigade Fireman	1	..	Furnaceman	1	..
Brokers	1	1	Gardeners	7	..
Builders and Contractors ..	4	..	Gas Inspectors	7	..
Butchers	12	..	Glass Blowers	2	..
Cap Makers .....	..	7	Golfer, Professional	1	..
Caretakers	4	1	Greengrocers	2	1
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	39	..	Grocers	28	1
Carters, Vanmen, &c.	14	..	Hairdressers	10	..
Cashiers	6	9	Health Inspector .....	..	1
Charwomen .....	..	2	Hoistman	1	..
Chemists and Druggists ..	15	3	Housekeepers .....	..	158
Cigar and Cigarette Makers.	1	4	Instrument Makers	6	..
Civil Service Officials	8	1	Insurance Inspector	1	..
Clergymen and Ministers ..	18	..	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, &c.	63	..
Cloth Stampers	1	1	Ironmonger	1	..
Coach Builders	5	..	Journalists	2	..
Coal Merchants	4	..	Knitter .....	..	1
Coal Miners	7	..	Labourers and Porters	93	..
Coffee Blender	1	..	Ladies' Companions .....	..	2
Commercial Travellers	28	1	Lamplighter	1	..
Cooks	1	3	Laundresses .....	..	5
Core Maker	1	..	Licensed Victuallers	3	3
Corn Merchants	2	..	Lithographers	6	..
Corn Millers	2	..	Machinists	5	236
Corset Makers .....	..	2	Makers-up and Packers ..	20	24
Dairymen	4	..	Managers and Manageresses	12	3
Dentist	1	..	Manufacturers & Merchants.	6	..
Designers	5	..	Married .....	..	694
Dispensers of Medicine	2	..	Midshipman	1	..
Domestic Servants .....	..	58	Midwife .....	..	1
Drapers and Haberdashers ..	4	6	Milliners .....	..	17
Draughtsmen	21	..	Mission Workers .....	..	2
Dress and Mantle Makers ..	1	71	Motormen	12	..
Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	6	4	Musicians	8	12
Electricians, Electric Coil and Switch Makers	32	3	None or Not Stated	95	387
			Nurses .....	..	22
			Overseers' Assistants	3	..
			Packing-case Maker	1	..
			Painters and Decorators ..	20	..

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS—*continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Paper Bag Maker ..	1		Shirt Makers ..	5	
Paper Makers, Rulers, &c..	5	3	Shop Assistants.....	15	45
Paper Sorters ..	2		Shopkeepers ..	18	15
Pattern Card Makers ..	4		Sign Writers ..	3	
Pattern Makers ..	6		Solicitor ..	1	
Pawnbrokers ..	5		Stockbroker ..	1	
Photographers ..	3	3	Storekeepers ..	9	
Physicians and Surgeons....	3		Students ..	31	32
Plasterer ..	1		Sugar Miller ..	1	
Plumbers ..	15		Tailoresses ..		56
Police Officers ..	6		Tailors and Outfitters.....	14	
Post Office Employés ..	16	7	Telephone Operators ..	1	18
Printers, Compositors, and			Timekeeper.....	1	
Feeders ..	34	14	Tobacconists ..	2	2
Railway Employés ..	15	1	Tram Conductors ..	6	
Rubber Workers ..	8	2	Typists ..	1	91
Saddlers and Harness Makers	3		Upholsterers ..	2	1
Salesmen and Buyers ..	37		Waiters and Waitresses ..	1	14
Saleswomen ..		9	Warehousemen and Women.	78	52
Sanitary Inspectors ..	2	1	Watchmakers and Jewellers.	4	
School Children ..	2458	1773	Waterproof Garment Makers	1	13
School Inspector ..	1		Wheelwright.....	1	
Schoolmasters & Mistresses	20	16	Window Cleaner ..	1	
School Teachers ..	38	203	Wire Drawers ..	4	
Secretaries ..	6	1	Wood Turners and Carvers..	3	
Sempstresses ..		3			

Males ..	4508
Females.....	4669
Total	<u>9177</u>

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, MANDLEY, CLAREMONT, AND LANGWORTHY PARKS, AND THE LIGHT OAKS ESTATE.

During the past year the Parks and Playgrounds have been maintained in a fairly satisfactory condition. They have been very fully used by the public and also by the Military Authorities for the drilling of men. The active policy pursued by the Parks Committee for several years has been considerably checked owing to the serious situation created by the War, and the reduction of the staff of the department by 29 men. But it has been possible to advance the work in connection with Langworthy Park to such an extent that it was possible to open it for public use by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman A. Worsley, J.P., on August 31st, 1915, and much use has been made of the Bowling Greens since that date. There still remains much to be done before this very useful addition to the Parks is complete.

The Light Oaks Mansion and Estate is still being used as a home for Belgian Refugees.

No progress has been made with the development of the Bolton Road Playing Fields, but they are being partly used for drilling and a play-ground.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received the necessary attention, namely :—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Walness Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, King Street (The Height), Chapter Square, Regent Square, The Crescent Land, the Duchy Land (Broad Street), Crescent Bank, Walness Land, Weaste, Broadway, and Bolton Road Playing Fields.

BOWLING GREENS.

The Bowling Greens have been kept in a satisfactory condition, but the receipts show a large decrease owing to the absence of so many of our townsmen.

The total number of bowling greens, including the two recently opened at Langworthy Park, is fourteen, and the total receipts for the year are £436 2s. 6d., and the number of players 52,335, as compared with £538 13s. 10d., and 64,643 last year. The returns from the several greens are as follow :—

	£	s.	d.	Number of Players.
Peel Park (two greens)	64	6	10	7,721
Buile Hill Park (two greens)	84	8	2	10,129
Albert Park (two greens)	68	14	6	8,247
Ordsall Park (two greens)	49	13	2	5,959
Mandley Park (two greens)	85	0	6	10,203
Charlestown Recreation Ground (one green)	26	0	10	3,125
King Street (The Height) (one green)	41	8	4	4,970
Langworthy Park (two greens)	16	10	2	1,981
	£436	2	6	52,335

LAWN TENNIS.

The use of the 25 Tennis Courts also shows a very material decrease.

The receipts are £118 0s. 8d., and the number of players 14,164, as compared with £201 8s. 10d., and 24,173 last year. The returns from the several tennis courts are as follow :—

	£	s.	d.	Number of Players.
Peel Park (seven courts)	22	11	8	2,710
Buile Hill Park (eight courts)	30	13	2	3,679
Albert Park (five courts)	38	19	2	4,675
Mandley Park (two courts)	9	2	2	1,093
Claremont Park (three courts)	16	14	6	2,007
	£118	0	8	14,164

FOOTBALL.

Arrangements have been made with 29 clubs for the free use of the 17 football pitches provided on the various recreation grounds, and also for the use of the pitches by clubs belonging to the various schools for Saturday mornings.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

Owing to the necessity for decreased expenditure in the Parks Department, it was decided that bands should not be engaged to give performances in the public parks, and the Committee desire to record their appreciation of the various bands who so willingly gave up the engagements allotted to them.

PEEL PARK COTTAGE WINDOW GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The thirty-fourth annual exhibition was held in Peel Park on July 30th and 31st and August 2nd, 1915, and although there was a very considerable falling off of exhibits from cottagers, the show itself was very successful, and a source of pleasure and enjoyment to many thousands of our townspeople.

The prices for admission were as in previous years—Adults, 2d., and children under twelve years of age, 1d.

The number of visitors was 20,264, as against 21,332 last year. The weather on Bank Holiday, being very wet and unpleasant, spoiled the attendance on that day.

The total receipts for admission amounted to £110 8s. 2d., as against £116 12s. 1d. last year.

The number of plants sold was 8,552, as against 7,795 last year.

The total value of the prizes awarded, including five gold medals, was £113 18s. 4d., as against £126 8s. last year.

The drawing competition organised for school children attending the Elementary Schools of the Borough was again a very attractive exhibit, and showed considerable talent, and the Parks Committee wish to record their appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by the teachers in this branch of the exhibition.

There were 982 exhibitors ; 100 prizes were awarded to the value of £13 3s. 1d.

The exhibition was opened on July 30th, 1915, by the Mayoress of Salford (Mrs. Worsley), supported by His Worship the Mayor (Alderman Worsley), the Chairman of the Museums, Libraries and Parks Committee (Alderman S. Rudman, J.P.), the Chairman of the Exhibition Sub-Committee, and a large and representative number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work.

Special prizes were given in the Horticultural Section by the Mayor, Mrs. C. J. Heywood, Mrs. Frankenburg, and C. A. M. Barlow, Esq., M.P., and Gold Medals were given by James Brown, Esq., J.P., and Alderman William Ollier, J.P.

In conjunction with the above work, from October 1st, 1914, to October 7th, 1915, 5,949 buckets of soil have been sold at 1d. per bucket, realising £24 15s. 9d.

The following is a list of the principal work carried out during the year :—

PEEL PARK.

A nine-inch drain has been laid from the Walness Land to the Band Stand, for the purpose of preventing the flooding of the grass land where the Flower Show tent is fixed.

The apparatus in the men's gymnasium has been thoroughly repaired, and several of the greenhouses, which were in a very rotten, unsatisfactory state, have been put into good condition.

The work of levelling up the Walness Land by tipping is proceeding satisfactorily, and from the 1st November, 1914, to the 16th October, 1915, £883 17s. 6d. has been received for the privilege of tipping, and represents 42,744 loads made up as follows :—

		£	s.	d.
Public Tipping	27,966 loads at 6d. =	699	3	0
Corporation Departments	14,778 loads at 3d. =	184	14	6
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		£883	17	6
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ALBERT PARK.

The work of levelling shrubbery borders and the laying of grass tennis courts, and the preparation for one asphalt tennis court, has been completed.

ORDSALL PARK.

The boundary wall and shrubbery bank on the south side of the boys' gymnasium has been cleared away, and a low brick wall with iron railings fixed to replace it.

BOLTON ROAD PLAYING FIELDS.

A large valley between Bolton Road and George Street is being levelled up by tipping, and from December 1st, 1914, to October 9th, 1915, the sum of £51 2s. has been received for the privilege of tipping, and represents 3,066 loads.

(Signed) ALFRED WORSLEY,
Chairman.

(Signed) BEN. H. MULLEN,
Curator and Chief Librarian.

(Signed) ALFRED WILSHER,
Parks Superintendent.

The Museum, Peel Park,
October, 1915.



COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

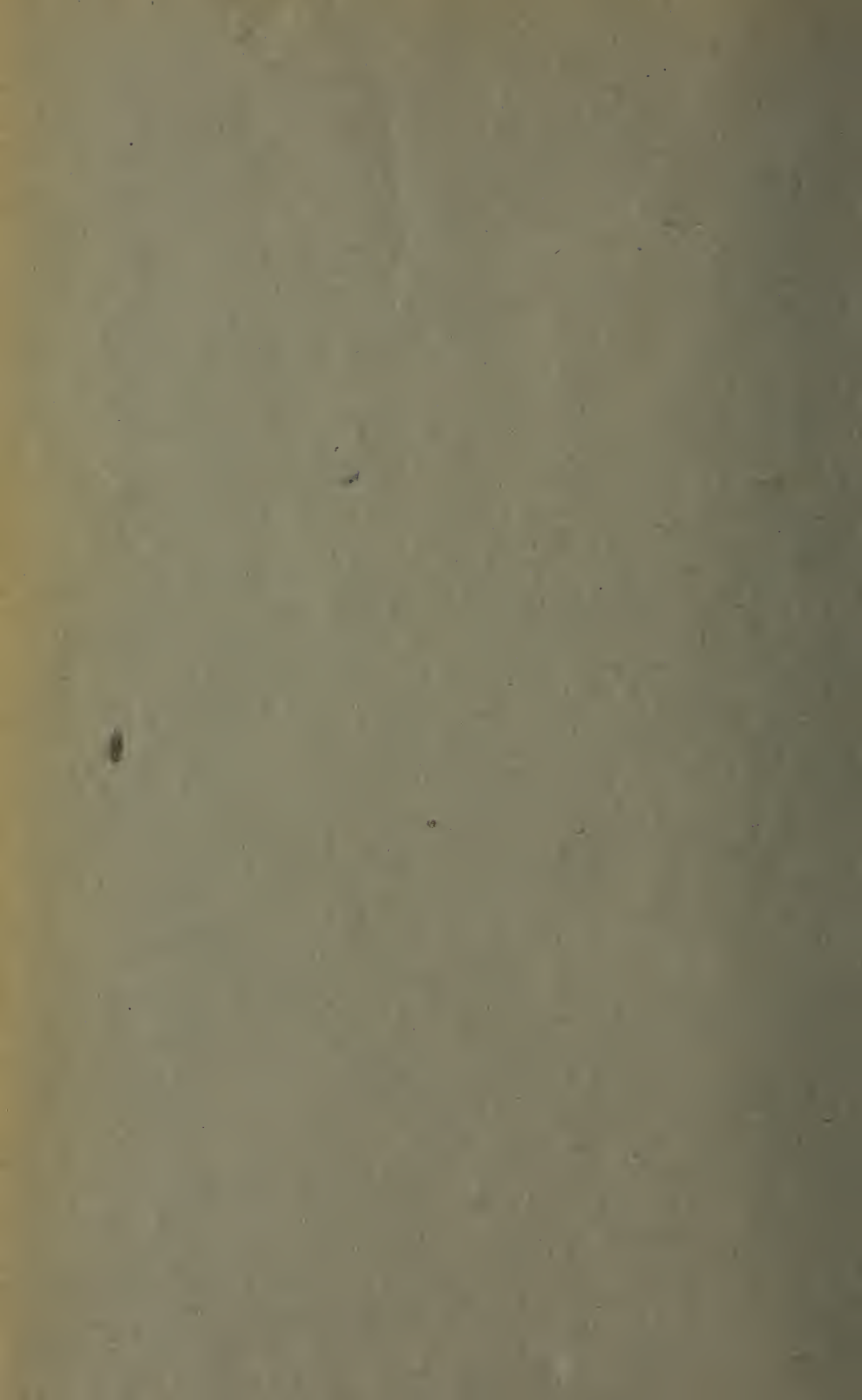
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